



PolyCIVIS Newsletter #June 2026

Dear PolyCIVIS community and friends,

Hello, bonjour, مرحبا, ciao, γεια σας!

Welcome to the tenth edition of PolyCIVIS News!

In this issue, we are delighted to take you through the key moments shaping our shared journey: from the inspiring highlights of the PolyCIVIS Final Conference in Aix-en-Provence, to the release of the Aix-Marseille Polycrisis Declaration, a powerful call for collaborative action in times of complexity. We also share reflections from the “PolyUnderstanding: Polycrisis, Fragility & Resilience” BIP physical week in Athens and insights from the virtual learning experience of the BIP “Enhancing Skills in Polycrisis Management: African & European Approaches”.

Be sure not to miss our key network updates, latest highlights, and one exclusive interview on waste management to spark reflection and discussion.

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The PolyCIVIS team



REFLECTIONS ON THE POLYCIVIS FINAL CONFERENCE

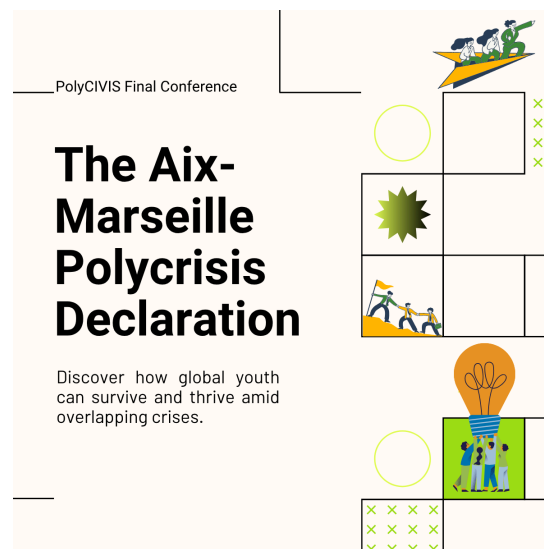
The PolyCIVIS Final Conference showcased the power of collaboration across continents. Discover how participants co-created the Aix-Marseille Declaration, stepped into real-world polycrisis scenarios, and laid the foundations for future cooperation.

[Learn more](#)

The Aix-Marseille Polycrisis Declaration

Fresh from the PolyCIVIS Network's Final Conference, the Aix-Marseille Polycrisis Declaration is officially live! This goes far beyond just talking about youth, it's a bold roadmap featuring 10 urgent, actionable recommendations.

[Read the declaration](#)



ARTICLE



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Polycrisis is not a subject anyone finishes studying in a few days. What Athens offered instead was a method, and the students now carry it home to seven countries, ready to test it against problems that were never going to stay confined to one discipline, one border, or one campus

Espérance Ahouangbe & Sofiatou Samaké
Aix-Marseille Université



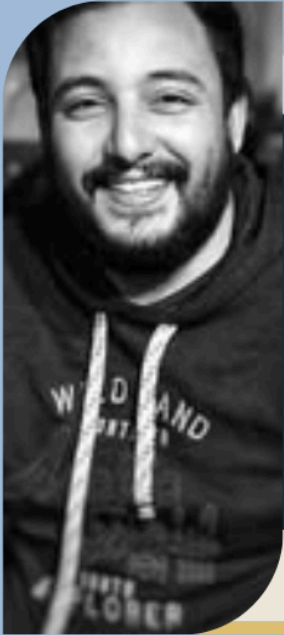
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Learning to Navigate the Polycrisis: CIVIS Students Convene in Athens

What does it mean to study crises in a world where challenges no longer exist in isolation? Espérance Ahouangbe and Sofiatou Samaké, both students at the Law School of Aix-Marseille University, share their reflections on the physical week of PolyUnderstanding BIP, the exchanges that shaped their experience, and the lessons they are taking forward.

[Read the article](#)

INTERVIEW



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The global trade in waste does reveal deeper inequalities in how environmental responsibility is shifted between countries.

HAKIM FEHRI
WASTE MANAGEMENT EXPERT AT
UN-HABITAT

[READ THE FULL INTERVIEW](#)

Waste management is a global challenge, but its impacts are not shared equally.

In this interview, PolyCIVIS speaks with **UN-Habitat expert Hakim Fehri** to explore the inequalities shaping global waste systems and the urgent need for locally driven solutions.

[Read the interview](#)



"Beyond the academic content, the Blended Intensive program at Makerere University has taught me the art of international collaboration and demonstrated the value of learning from diverse perspectives when addressing complex polycrisis challenges."

ANTHONY TIBAINGANA,
Senior Lecturer, Makerere University

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Polycrisis Management BIP

From inspiring global collaboration to adapting to the unexpected challenges of an Ebola outbreak, discover the lessons, resilience, and impact of the PolyCIVIS BIP at Makerere University.

[Read more](#)

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Learning Across Borders,
Thinking Beyond Boundaries:
The PolyUnderstanding BIP Journey in Athens



PolyUnderstanding BIP

Hosted by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the PolyUnderstanding BIP created a unique space where students and professors from Europe and Africa exchanged knowledge and perspectives. From classrooms to city streets, participants explored the challenges of the polycrisis through collaboration, innovation and action.

[Read more](#)

PolyCIVIS at CIVIS Days 2026

**PolyCIVIS
highlights its
innovative
learning
pathways at
CIVIS Days
2026**

Bucharest, 11 June 2026



PolyCIVIS at CIVIS Days 2026

How can universities prepare students to navigate an increasingly complex world? At CIVIS Days 2026, PolyCIVIS showcased how innovative teaching formats are creating new pathways for learning and collaboration across Europe and Africa.

[Learn more](#)

A sneak peek at the upcoming PolyCIVIS Podcast Series

We recently recorded a brand-new series of podcasts at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). In this series, a special episode gives the floor to students, who share their reflections on learning in a world shaped by interconnected crises.

Stay tuned; these inspiring conversations will be available soon!

[Learn more](#)



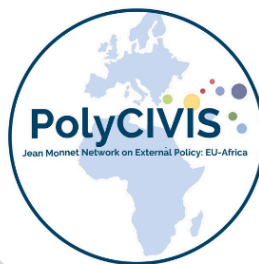
WEBINAR



Polycrisis Talks

We focus on PolyCIVIS BIPs, one of our most powerful tools for long-term cooperation and interdisciplinary learning.

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2026
12:00 CEST



Online via Microsoft Teams



As the PolyCIVIS project enters its final phase, how do we keep our vibrant collaborations alive? Join us on **Tuesday, 15 September 2026** for a special **Polycrisis Talks** webinar focused on PolyCIVIS BIPs, one of our most powerful tools for long-term cooperation and interdisciplinary learning.

Save your seat



Interesting Reads: Climate Change in focus

Climate Justice in Action

Across Eastern Africa, communities are leading powerful responses to the climate crisis through activism, adaptation and collective action. This new volume highlights the voices and innovations shaping climate justice, placing lived experiences and social equity at the centre of the conversation.

Universities and Climate Action

As the climate crisis reshapes societies, universities face a critical question: how can knowledge become action? *Universities and Climate Action* examines the role of higher education in creating systemic change, from curriculum and research to campus practices and community partnerships.

Enjoy your reading!

Join the [PolyCIVIS online community on LinkedIn](#)! This group is a space to stay connected and informed about the PolyCIVIS network, but also to connect, exchange ideas and share insights on polycrisis-related themes.

Welcome, we're excited to have you here.



Thank you for reading!

We have a lot more to share over the project's lifetime including the latest news, opportunities, and events about PolyCIVIS!

Do you know someone who would enjoy reading this newsletter? You are welcome to share it!

Follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) for more updates and opportunities.

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