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POLIMP Monitor, issued twice a year for a three-year period (2014-16), aims at timely delivery of news and information outside the POLIMP activities which might be of interest to policymakers, stakeholders and interested citizens. Each issue offers a round-up of the previous six months' major developments with links to the full text of each corresponding news item, analysis or official document. These links are presented per topic. This overview is complemented by an editorial note that reports progress in POLIMP work to mobilise and transfer knowledge. In this way, POLIMP Monitor presents the latest development in POLIMP and external sources of information in a unique package to interested observers.

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EDITORIAL

Insights in climate policy knowledge needs

POLIMP is a project to mobilise and transfer knowledge on post-2012 climate policy implications, run from May 2013 to April 2016 by a consortium of seven European research institutes and financed under the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union.

During the climate change conference of the United Nations of November 2013 in Warsaw (COP 19), the first public event of POLIMP project was organised. The official side-event, jointly organised with the Japanese Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), focused on the collection of knowledge needs with regard to future climate policy implications. During the first phase of the project, POLIMP has been working on the identification of knowledge needs of a wider stakeholder group involved in European climate-related policymaking through in-depth interviews and an online questionnaire. Knowledge needs refer to the needs for information that already exists, rather than knowledge gaps of society as a whole, meaning a lack of insight from scientific research on a given topic. The aim of the side-event was for POLIMP partners to engage stakeholders from an early stage of the project and to discuss and validate these knowledge needs for negotiators and policymakers.

Much information is already available, but many climate policy stakeholders are not satisfied with their success in finding the information they need. The way information is presented is often difficult to access, not in the right format, and of limited use for stakeholders. Much climate policy is decided at an international level, and policymakers at local, regional and national levels often have little insights in these policies and their implications. Through the identification of existing knowledge needs, and stakeholders' preferred methods to search and use information, the POLIMP project can collect, synthesise and present knowledge in a manner that enables them to make optimal use of existing knowledge.

The POLIMP project will create a thematic information platform on issues where additional knowledge is most sought after. These include themes such as climate and energy policy, renewable energy, energy efficiency, emissions trading, financing, and adaptation. Regarding these themes, a crosscutting knowledge need is their international context: harmonisation of policies across EU member states, and comparison of policies to their counterparts in other world regions, are topics that require further information. Vertical integration of policies between the EU level and the member states, and within the member states, is needed as well. Cost-effectiveness of policies and measures and innovative financing possibilities are additional crosscutting issues.

Several stakeholders state that lack of information is a problem in policy making. Useful information is often not being recognised as relevant by politicians. Many stakeholders argue that the scientific research is available, but there is a problem that the overall overview of the information is lacking, and government officials often do not know where the knowledge exist.

The POLIMP project will assist policymakers and other stakeholders by making scientific knowledge available in a structured and accessible manner. The stakeholder consultations through interviews, the questionnaire and the event in Warsaw have provided meaningful insights in the requirements for the design and contents of this knowledge presentation.

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1.1.1 EU

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1.2 Analysis

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Science

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Technology

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Finance

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FEATURED PROJECTS

This list is compiled for indicative purposes only. In 2014, POLIMP Monitor continues to develop the list of featured projects as POLIMP expands its coordination with other funded FP7 projects, as well as, hosts of existing and new knowledge portals.

2.1 Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

- Assessment of Climate Change Mitigation Pathways and Evaluation of the Robustness of Mitigation Cost Estimates (AMPERE). <http://ampere-project.eu/web/>
- Combining Policy Instruments to Achieve Europe's 2050 Climate Targets (CECILIA2050). <http://cecilia2050.eu>
- Assessment and further development of the European climate policy (ENTRACTE). <http://www.entracte-project.eu>
- European Responses to Climate Change: Deep Emissions Reductions and Mainstreaming of Mitigation and Adaptation (RESPONSES). <http://www.responsesproject.eu/index.html>
- Policy-Science Interactions: Connecting Science and Policy Through Innovative KnowledgeBrokering (PSI-CONNECT). <http://www.psiconnect.eu>
- Post-Carbon Cities of Tomorrow (POCACITO). Website under construction.

2.2 Knowledge-sharing platforms

- Climate-Adapt (European Climate Adaptation Platform) (hosted by the EEA) <http://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu>
- Climate Change Information Network (CCiNet) (hosted by the UNFCCC) http://unfccc.int/cc_inet/cc_inet/items/3514.php
- Technology Information Clearinghouse (hosted by the UNFCCC) <http://unfccc.int/ttclear/pages/home.html>
- Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) <http://cdkn.org>
- Climate Change Knowledge Portal (CCKP) (hosted by the World Bank) <http://sdwebx.worldbank.org/climateportal/index.cfm>

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