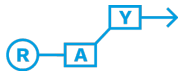**Research-based
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PROJECT MODULES ACROSS
ALL RESEARCH PROJECTS

NETWORK ORIENTATION

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GUIDANCE FOR NATIONAL PARTNERS

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2. INTRODUCTION

These guidelines are meant to provide you with a starting and reference point for planning the number of days needed for the implementation of research modules at national level. Note that in most of our research projects—a new feature—national modules are optional, so that agencies can decide to conduct interviews but no focus groups in Project A, or conduct focus groups but no case studies in Project B.

Please keep in mind that this is a document for orientation: the number of days fluctuate a lot across contexts. Alone the travel time can make a difference of several days in a single project. Despite this contextuality, we hope that this document is helpful, and invite you to get in touch with specific questions at any time!

3. ACTIVITIES BY PROJECT

Time period	Project	Activities at national level
2021 (all year)	RAY MON	• *No activities at national level planned in 2021*
	RAY SOC	• *No activities at national level planned in 2021*
	RAY STRAT	• *No activities at national level planned in 2021*
	RAY COR	• Mapping of existing and emerging research on the coronavirus pandemic and its effects on young people and the youth field at national level • Support of survey promotion & awareness raising • Translation of changes to the survey questions into national languages • Case study research on successful responses in youth work

	RAY INNO	• Interviews at national level on the needs for in-novation in youth work and youth policy • Translation of module for monitoring surveys into national languages
	RAY LEARN	• Translation of thematic survey into national lan-guages • First phase of national case studies
	RAY COMP	• *No activities at national level planned in 2021*
	RAY DIGI	• Translation of thematic module questions into national languages • Support of the mapping of youth policies and youth strategies
2022 (until June)	RAY MON	• Translation of 1st survey into national languages
	RAY SOC	• *No activities at national level planned in 2022*
	RAY STRAT	• Translation of survey modules into national languages
	RAY COR	• *Hopefully no activities needed in 2022 at all*
	RAY INNO	• *No activities at national level planned in 2022*
	RAY LEARN	• First phase of long-term case studies at national level
	RAY COMP	• Translation of thematic module questions into national languages • Focus groups with youth workers and youth lead-ers on their learning and training needs
	RAY DIGI	• Case studies on digital youth work from in- & outside youth sector

4. INTERVIEW MODULES

Projects containing an interview module typically involve:

- 5-10 interviews in countries with a small (international) youth sector
- 10-15 interviews in countries with a medium-sized (international) youth sector
- 15+ interviews in countries with a large (international) youth sector

That way, a thematic research project with 10 partners will gather around 60 interviews, which is a reasonable sample size for the transnational analysis. It is of course always possible to conduct more interviews, in particular if you would like to obtain a nuanced national picture and produce a stand-alone national report in addition to the transnational one.

For each interview, time should be calculated for

- the analysis of documents during the interview preparation, likely ½ day
- the preparation, conduction and follow-up of the interview, likely ½ day (plus travel)
- the analysis and analytical summary of the interview conducted, likely ½ day to 1 day

In addition, for the overall research work, time should be calculated for

- the identification of a shortlist of potential interviewees, likely ½-¾ day
- the arrangement of interview dates and times and interview logistics, likely ½-¾ day
- the analysis and analytical summary across all interviews conducted (if required according to analysis guidelines), likely 2-3 days (depending on number of interviews)
- communication with the transnational research team throughout, likely ½-¾ day
- communication with the Erasmus+ National Agency throughout, likely ½-¾ day

Example for a medium-sized country:

- Opting for 6 interviews, calculating 1.5 days per interview = 9 working days
- Adding 5 working days for overall research work = 14 working days in total

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5. FOCUS GROUP MODULES

Projects containing a focus group module typically involve:

- 2-4 focus groups in countries with a small (international) youth sector
- 4-6 focus groups in countries with a medium-sized (international) youth sector
- 6-8 focus groups in countries with a large (international) youth sector

That way, a thematic research project with 10 partners will gather around 40 focus groups, which is a reasonable sample size for the transnational analysis. It is of course always possible to conduct more focus groups, in particular if you would like to obtain a nuanced national picture and produce a stand-alone national report in addition to the transnational one.

For each focus group, time should be calculated for

- the analysis of documents during the focus group preparation, likely ½-¾ day
- the preparation, conduction and follow-up of the focus group, likely 1 day (plus travel)
- the analysis and analytical summary of the focus group conducted, likely ½-¾ day

In addition, for the overall research work, time should be calculated for

- the identification of a shortlist of potential focus groups, likely 1-2 days
- the arrangement of focus groups dates, times and logistics, likely 1-2 days
- the analysis and analytical summary across all focus groups conducted, (if required according to analysis guidelines), likely 3-4 days (depending on number of focus groups)
- communication with the transnational research team throughout, likely ½-¾ day
- communication with the Erasmus+ National Agency throughout, likely ½-¾ day

Example for a medium-sized country:

- Opting for 5 focus groups, calculating 2.5 days per interview = 12.5 working days
- Adding 7.5 working days for overall research work = 20 working days in total

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6. CASE STUDY MODULES

Projects containing a case study module typically involve:

- 2-4 case studies in countries with a small (international) youth sector
- 4-6 case studies in countries with a medium-sized (international) youth sector
- 6-8 case studies in countries with a large (international) youth sector

These numbers are rough estimates – actual numbers per country also depend on the type of cases and the case study methodology.

That way, a thematic research project with 10 partners will gather around 40 case studies, which is a reasonable sample size. It is of course always possible to conduct more case studies, in particular if you would like to obtain a nuanced national picture in addition to the transnational one.

For each case study, time should be calculated for

- the analysis of documents during the case study preparation, likely 1-2 days
- the preparation, conduction and follow-up of the case study, likely 2-3 days
- the analysis and analytical summary of the case study conducted, likely 1 day

In addition, for the overall research work, time should be calculated for

- the identification of a shortlist of potential case studies, likely 1-2 days
- the arrangement of case study dates and times and interview logistics, likely 1-2 days
- the analysis and analytical summary across all case studies conducted (if required according to analysis guidelines), likely 4-5 days (depending on number of case studies)
- communication with the transnational research team throughout, likely 1-2 days
- communication with the Erasmus+ National Agency throughout, likely 1-2 days

Example for a medium-sized country:

- Opting for 5 case studies, calculating 4.0 days per case = 20 working days
- Adding 10 working days for overall research work = 30 working days in total

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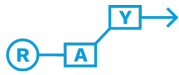
7. LONG-TERM CASE STUDY MODULES

Projects containing a longitudinal case module typically involve:

- 2-4 longitudinal cases in countries with a small (international) youth sector
- 4-6 longitudinal cases in countries with a medium-sized (international) youth sector
- 6-8 longitudinal cases in countries with a large (international) youth sector

That way, a thematic research project with 10 partners will gather around 40 longitudinal cases, which is a reasonable sample size. It is of course always possible to conduct more longitudinal case studies, in particular if you would like to obtain a nuanced national picture in addition to the transnational one.

For each longitudinal case, time should be calculated for

- the analysis of documents during the preparation for the longitudinal case, likely 2 days
- the preparation, conduction and follow-up of the longitudinal case, likely 4-6 days
- the analysis and analytical summary of the longitudinal case conducted, likely 2-3 days

In addition, for the overall research work, time should be calculated for

- the identification of a shortlist of potential longitudinal cases, likely 1-2 days
- the arrangement of interview dates and times and logistics, likely 2-3 days
- the analysis and analytical summary across all longitudinal cases (if required according to analysis guidelines), likely 4-5 days (depending on number of case studies)
- communication with the transnational research team throughout, likely 2-3 days
- communication with the Erasmus+ National Agency throughout, likely 2-3 days

Example for a medium-sized country:

- Opting for 5 longitudinal cases, calculating 9.0 days per case = 45 working days
- Adding 15 working days for overall research work = 60 working days in total

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