



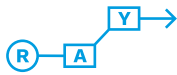
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**SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JANUARY 2021 – DECEMBER 2021



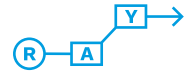
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## Report of activities 2021

RAY-COR was introduced as a new thematic research project of the RAY Network in early 2020, in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its effects. All network partners contribute to the research project. The advisory group of the project is supported by the RAY Network partners from Austria, Estonia, Finland and Germany.

***During the reporting period, the following research coordination activities were implemented:***

- Development of revised research notes and research schedules for the project for discussion by the network partners
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting on 20 April 2021, online on the RAY Jitsi Meeting Server
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of an open working group meeting on 28 September 2021, online during the RAY Network Meeting
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2022
- Refinement of interview guidelines for national research partners, detailing the research activities at national level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, interview guidelines, report templates, and key dates.
- Refinement of case study guidelines for national research partners, detailing the research activities at national level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, case study guidelines, report templates, and key dates.
- Support of national partners in the implementation of interviews and case studies, based on transnational guidelines, and coordination of the transnational sampling of interview partners
- Development of two additional literature reviews, exploring the effects of previous pandemics on young people and youth work and policy responses at the time
- Analysis of the multilingual survey on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic in 25 languages, preparation of national datasets for partners on request
- Preparation of key findings of the multilingual survey in a variety of formats, including a data snapshot, a policy brief, and various presentations
- Continuation of the new report format “Policy Brief” and update of the policy brief on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on youth work
- Development of an analysis grid for the national recovery plans under the European Union’s Recovery and Resilience Facility, based on key research findings (not limited to RAY COR, but capturing key research findings across disciplines)
- Development of a policy brief on national recovery plans under the European Union’s Recovery and Resilience Facility and the role of youth work in them
- Support of translations of the resource paper on the topic of the research project for the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Youth Work Convention
- Development of a concept note for the next phase of the project including the context of the origin of the project, the aims and objectives, the research questions as well as the research design and instruments for the next project phase
- Production of a summative report and a report of expenditure for this project phase



***During the reporting period, the following research communication activities were implemented:***

- Presentation of progress, findings and plans during working group meeting in April 2021
- Presentation of progress, findings & plans during working group meeting in September 2021
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners throughout 2021
  
- Presentation of key findings of the project during the NA Business Meeting in March 2021
- Presentation of key findings of the project during the E+ NA-Commission Meeting in June 2021
- Presentation of key findings of the project during the Directors General Meeting in October 2021
  
- Presentation of findings at the Youth Partnership's Reflection Hub in March 2021
- Presentation of findings at the DJHT and its European event Shrinking Spaces in May 2021
- Presentation of findings at the European Barcamp hosted by Wien Xtra in June 2021
- Presentation of findings at the German Child and Youth Work Congress in September 2021
  
- Presentation of findings at initial Youth Research Dialogue in June 2021
  
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-COR project page on [researchyouth.net](https://researchyouth.net)

# ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. WORKING GROUP MEETING APRIL 2021**
- 3. WORKING GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 2021**
- 4. LITERATURE SNAPSHOT**
- 5. DATA SNAPSHOT**
- 6. SHRINKING SPACES KEY FINDINGS**
- 7. DG MEETING KEY FINDINGS**
- 8. RECOVERY & RESILIENCE FACILITY ANALYSIS GRID**
- 9. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE**