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**RESEARCH PROJECT  
ON THE ROLE OF DIGITALISATION  
IN YOUTH WORK AND NON-FORMAL  
LEARNING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE  
EUROPEAN YOUTH PROGRAMMES  
(RAY-DIGI)**

**SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JANUARY 2021 – JUNE 2022

# Research project on the role of digitalisation in youth work and non-formal learning in the context of the European youth programmes (RAY-DIGI)

## Report of activities 2021/2022

RAY-DIGI was introduced as a new thematic research project of the RAY Network in 2020, partly in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its profound effects on youth work and the role of digitalisation in youth work. 15 RAY Network Partners support the project currently: Belgium (Flemish Community), Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia. The working group of the project has been supported by the RAY Network partners from Belgium (Flemish Community), Czechia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Malta and Slovenia.

### *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 1 June 2021, online on the RAY Jitsi Meeting Server
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of an open working group meeting on 14 December 2021, online on the RAY Jitsi Meeting Server
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2022 and 2023
- Refinement of case study 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.
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- Support of the SNAC (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) on digitalisation (SNAC DIGI):
  - Support of questionnaire development of WP1 for a mapping of national youth (work) policies and youth (work) strategies and their approach to digitalisation;
  - Support of mapping and analysis of WP2 for a mapping of competence frameworks and self-assessment tools, including conducting a mapping of German-speaking frameworks and tools;
  - Support of case study approach development of WP3
  - Support of survey development of WP4
  - Support of quality criteria development of WP5
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of SNAC DIGI and RAY DIGI in their specific national context
- Support of national partners in developing case study shortlists for case studies to be implemented in the next project phase
- Analysis of 652 different Key Action 2 projects on digitalisation
- Development of guidelines for interviews with digital competence framework stakeholders
- 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 the network meeting in September 2021
- Presentation of progress, findings & plans during working group meeting in December 2021
  
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2021 and 2022
- Participation in monthly coordination meetings with all work package leads of SNAC DIGI
  
- 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 key findings of the project during the E+ NA-Commission Meeting in June 2022
  
- 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 Nordic Reflection Days hosted by Edufi in August 2021
- Presentation of findings at the German Child and Youth Work Congress in September 2021
- Presentation of findings at the annual barcamp of programme beneficiaries in January 2021
- Presentation of findings at the digital transformation advisory board in January 2021
- Presentation of findings at the Generation European Network Academy in March 2022
- Presentation of findings at the event "UMBRUCH. AUFBRUCH. NEUANFANG" in March 2022
  
- Presentation of findings at Youth Research Dialogues in 2021 and 2022
  
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-DIGI project page on researchyouth.net

# ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. WORKING GROUP MEETING APRIL 2021**
- 3. WORKING GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 2021**
- 4. FRAMEWORK MAPPING REPORT**
- 5. SNAC ANALYSIS REPORT WITH RAY CONTRIBUTIONS**
- 6. CASE STUDY GUIDELINES**
- 7. SHORTLIST OF KA2 PROJECTS**
- 8. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE**