



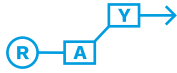
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**RESEARCH PROJECT  
ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE  
EUROPEAN YOUTH PROGRAMMES  
TO PROGRAMME AND SECTOR  
STRATEGIES (RAY-STRAT)**

**SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JANUARY 2021 – JUNE 2022



# Research project on the contribution of the European youth programmes to programme and sector strategies (RAY-STRAT)

## Report of activities 2021/2022

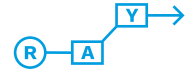
Over the past years, the core documents that frame the European youth programmes, such as the joint decision of the European Parliament and the Council and the annual work plans and programme guides, have been complemented by programme-specific strategies on inclusion, participation, and training. Moreover, the EU Youth Strategy relies on the European youth programmes as a main tool for its implementation, the European Youth Goals cover the European youth programmes, and the upcoming European Youth Work Agenda will refer to the European youth programmes as well.

In addition, strategic cooperation projects by partnerships of National Agencies (SNACs) have become a prominent tool to take core issues further and help develop and advance the European youth programmes. At the moment, the monitoring surveys of the RAY Network typically do not cover strategic cooperation projects, which leaves their contribution to the realisation of the afore-mentioned strategies unconsidered and unvalued.

Against that backdrop, the RAY Network is beginning to explore how the European youth programmes, and the strategic cooperation projects within them, contribute to the implementation of programme- and sector-specific strategies of relevance to the European youth programmes (RAY-STRAT).

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

- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2022 and 2023
- Finalisation of a study on inclusion – related to the programme-wide inclusion strategy – and presentation of the key findings to programme stakeholders
- Development of a pilot study to accompany the establishment of youth advisory boards – related to the programme-wide participation strategy – and start of implementation (to be continued in the next project phase)
- Support of the SNACs (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) with a connection to strategic aspects of the European youth programmes
- 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 & plans during the network meeting in September 2021
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2021 and 2022
- Participation in coordination meetings with strategically oriented SNACs
- 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 key findings on inclusion to SALTO Inclusion and advisors in March 2021
- Presentation of findings at Youth Research Dialogues in 2021 and 2022
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-STRAT project page on researchyouth.net

# ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. RAY STUDY ON INCLUSION**
- 3. PRESENTATION OF KEY FINDINGS ON INCLUSION**
- 4. RAY PILOT CONCEPT FOR STUDY ON PARTICIPATION**
- 5. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE**