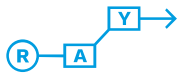


# **RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE ROLE OF INNOVATION IN EUROPEAN YOUTH WORK AND EUROPEAN YOUTH POLICY (RAY-INNO)**

**SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JANUARY 2021 – DECEMBER 2021



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## Report of activities 2021

RAY-INNO was introduced as one of several new thematic research projects of the RAY Network in 2018. The project is envisaged to conclude in 2021. 16 Research partners joined the project throughout its duration, namely: Austria, Belgium (Flemish Community), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, and Turkey. The working group of the project has been supported by the RAY Network partners from Austria, Estonia, Finland, North Macedonia, Germany, Italy and Turkey.

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

- Development of an initial research note and research schedule for this project phase for discussion by network partners
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project
- Development of a full concept note including the context of the origin of the project, the aims and objectives, the research questions as well as the research design and instruments
- Development of interview guidelines for the transnational research team, detailing the research activities at transnational level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, interview guidelines, report templates, and key dates
- Alignment of research activities with the research team and steering group of the European Academy on Youth Work (with their current focus on innovation)
- Literature scan on approached and instruments to stimulate and propagate innovation in related, relevant policies to inform the policy recommendations of the INNO project
- Preparation of interviews with stakeholders with a systemic view, to be conducted in November and December 2021
- Development of a policy report on innovation and complementary research communication materials
- 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 key findings during session at the RAY Network Meeting in September 2021
- Presentation of key findings of the project during the NA Business Meeting in March 2021
- Presentation of findings at the Knowledge Forum of the Youth Partnership in October 2021
- Presentation of key findings to the European Youth Work Academy in April 2021
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-INNO project webpage on [researchyouth.net](https://researchyouth.net)

***From March 2020 onwards, the course of the project was influenced to a great extent by the coronavirus pandemic. In consequence, several activities were implemented differently.***