



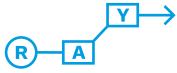
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**RESEARCH PROJECT  
ON THE RESEARCH-BASED  
ANALYSIS AND MONITORING OF  
ERASMUS+ YOUTH  
(RAY-MON)**

**SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022



# Research project on the analysis and monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth (RAY-MON)

## Report of activities 2021/2022

In 2008, the RAY Network was founded with the aim to contribute to quality assurance and quality development in the implementation of the European Union's Youth in Action Programme (2007–2013). The initial network partners developed the first standard surveys for project participants and project teams, which were further refined at the start of the next programme generation, Erasmus+ Youth in Action (2014–2020). As part of the network's core research project on the research-based analysis and monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth (RAY-MON), the surveys were overhauled for the first time since the network's foundation at the start of the current programme generation (2021–2027). This research project involves all 34 partners.

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

- Development of an initial research note and research schedule for the project 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
- Ongoing revisions of the concept notes for the project in response to the volatility of technical tools in use for the implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme, the ambiguity of how data protection regulations impact the contact data collection process
- Ongoing revisions of the concept notes for the project in response to the circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic
- Finalisation of the first comparative research report, covering the entire previous programme generation 2014–2020 (the comparative data report had been finalised in the previous reporting period)
- Preparation, facilitation and follow-up of the working group meeting of the project in April 2022 in Berlin
- Analysis of indicators, project types, project roles, programme objectives and intervention logics to ensure that the new surveys cover all essentials
- Development of the modularisation approach, which was presented and discussed at the working group meeting in April 2022
- 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, options & plans during working group meeting in December 2021
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2021 and 2022
- Participation in coordination meetings with youth work related SNACs
- Presentation of key findings of the project during the Directors General Meeting in October 2021



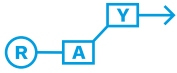
- Presentation of key findings of the project during the E+ NA-Commission Meeting in June 2022
- Presentation of findings at the Nordic Reflection Days hosted by Edufi in August 2021
- Presentation of findings at the German Child and Youth Work Congress in September 2021
- Presentation of findings at the annual barcamp of programme beneficiaries in January 2022
- 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-MON project page on researchyouth.net

***During the reporting period, the following additional research coordination activities were implemented, which started in previous reporting periods and will continue beyond this reporting period:***

- Continuous review of technical tools and frameworks required for programmatic and thematic research in the context of Erasmus+ Youth, and ongoing discussion of the implications for the technical tools and frameworks of the programme itself
- Continuous review of legal tools and frameworks required for programmatic and thematic research in the context of Erasmus+ Youth, and ongoing discussion of the implications for the legal tools and frameworks of the programme itself
- Contribution to the input and feedback process on the preliminary opinion on data protection and scientific research by the European Data Protection Supervisor from the perspective of youth and learning mobility research
- Second survey of Member States' data protection authorities and updated mapping of their intent to make use of the optional opportunity for derogation from Article 89 of the GDPR in relation to research

***During the reporting period, the course of the project was influenced to a great extent by the coronavirus pandemic. In consequence, the following activities were implemented differently:***

- The coronavirus pandemic had delayed so many projects across all project types in the entire programme, and the technical tools for the programme were so faulty at the start of the programme, that the Strategy Group of RAY decided to delay the first monitoring survey round and push the first survey from 2022 to 2023.



# ANNEXES

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