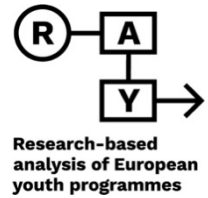




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**RESEARCH PROJECT
ON THE RESEARCH-BASED
ANALYSIS AND MONITORING OF
THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS
(RAY-SOC)**

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022

Research project on the analysis and monitoring of the European Solidarity Corps (RAY-SOC)

Report of activities 2021/2022

RAY-SOC was introduced as a new monitoring strand of the RAY Network in 2019, following the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps as a stand-alone programme. 28 Research Partners joined the project, namely all RAY-MON Research Partners who were also made responsible for the European Solidarity Corps in their respective countries. The working group of the project is supported by the RAY Network partners from Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany and Slovenia.

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 European Solidarity Corps, 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
- Development of literature snapshots on key issues of relevance for the research project, such as the changing practices of solidarity during the pandemic
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of the meeting of the working group meeting on 13 December 2021, which included discussions and agreements on the aims and objectives, the research questions, the research design and the development of research instruments
- Preparation of a second programmatic study on the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps during the years 2019-2021 in cooperation with the Resource Centre for the European Solidarity Corps, to be implemented in 2022 and 2023
- Preparation of a survey of organisations active in the European Solidarity Corps as a research instrument for the second programmatic study
- 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 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

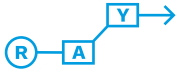
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-SOC project page on researchyouth.net

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 the European Solidarity Corps, 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 the European Solidarity Corps, 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 implementation of focus groups and interviews at national level was postponed, as the project partners agreed that the field was not yet ready for thematic research projects, owed to their struggle to deal with the consequences of the pandemic (delayed activities, decreased budgets, loss of staff and volunteers)



ANNEXES

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