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ONE-OFF SPECIAL PROJECT TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW RAY OPEN DATA PORTAL

(RAY-OPEN)

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE FOR 2025

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Please note that this is a one-off project to accelerate the implementation of the new RAY Open Data Portal. We were faster in developing visual and technical prototypes, and now want to speed up and boost the technical implementation, to get the portal ready in time for the next round of monitoring surveys.
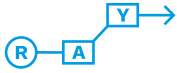
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We, as a network, decided in 2019 to embrace open data and to take our datasets from *accessible upon request* to *interactively accessible online* and develop a RAY Open Data Portal as part of our 2021–2027 research programme. The development of the portal is normally integrated into the network-wide research projects RAY-MON & RAY-SOC, because the portal will benefit every partner in the network immensely.

We have conducted user interviews with agency and research colleagues in 2023 and 2024, did user interface research, and design and development sprints – and now have a visual and interaction prototype (see the screenshots on the next page). This process was faster and smoother than anticipated, and we now want to use the momentum and accelerate the technical implementation of the portal, so that we can already use it for the next monitoring survey rounds, which will be conducted in autumn 2025.

This is a one-off project: the further development and maintenance of the open data portal will remain an integral part of our RAY-MON and RAY-SOC budgets. We invite all partners to contribute, and also welcome special contributions of partners with the ability and need to boost their TCA or NET spending.

2. AIM

2.1. OVERALL AIM OF THE PROJECT

This project aims to to speed up the realisation of the open data portal of RAY, to get it ready for the datasets of the second round of monitoring surveys.

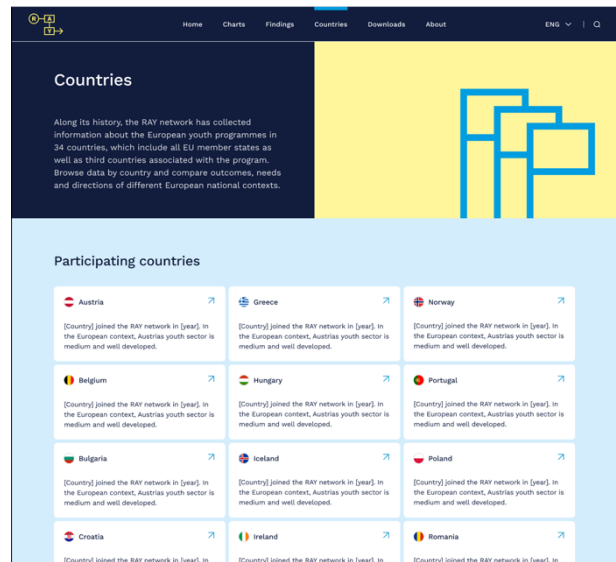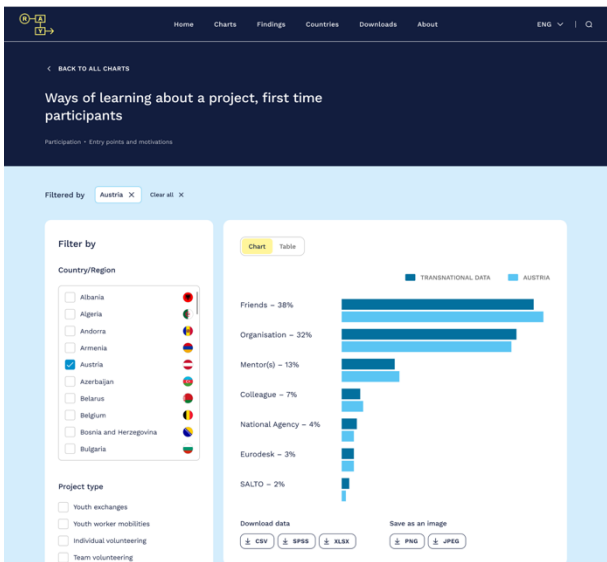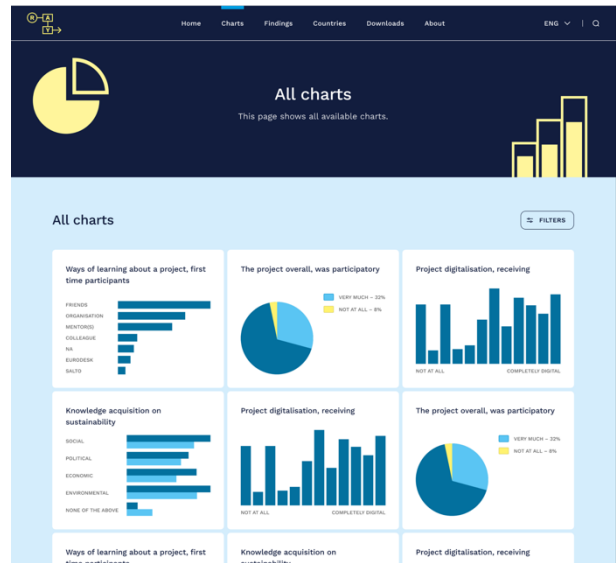# 3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
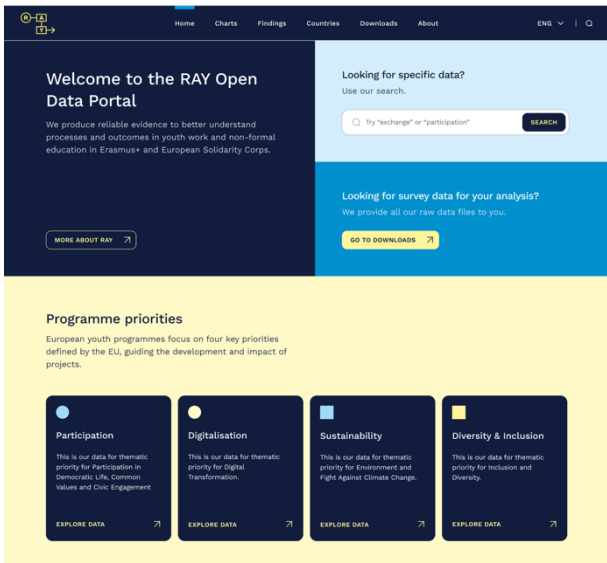
3.1. RESULTS OF USER INTERVIEWS

You can find a summary of the user interviews as well as a documentation of the design and development sprints at:

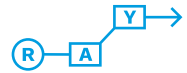https://data.researchyouth.net/s/tmjTQw7akCACBbM

3.2. SCREENSHOTS OF CURRENT DESIGN

Below are a a couple of screenshots (all work in progress of course):

4. PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

The following table provides an overview of basic and optional contributions to the research project by project partners:

Basic contribution of partners	Optional contributions of partners
• Financial contribution to the overall costs of the research project	• Contribution to user testing and providing feedback throughout development

5. RESEARCH PARTNERS

All RAY Network Partners are encouraged to contribute to this project, if their TCA and/or NET resources in 2025 (or remaining budgets of 2024) allow.