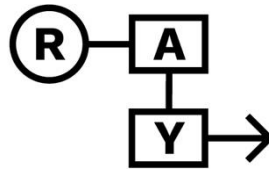




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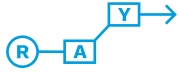
RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

FINAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

8 MAY 2024

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IMPACT OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Dear participants of the RAY Triangular Summit,

Herewith we are sending you final information for the Summit, updates and reminders, including the final programme, preparatory material, organisational and logistical details as well as other useful and important information.

The RAY Triangular Summit is co-hosted by the National Agencies of the European youth programmes from Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden. The RAY Network Coordination (at the Finnish National Agency) leads and coordinates the preparation process and the implementation of the Summit in cooperation with the RAY transnational research team.

1. PROGRAMME RELATED INFORMATION

1.1. FINAL PROGRAMME (NEW!)

You can find the **final programme** overview enclosed.

1.2. EVENING PROGRAMME ON 23 MAY (NEW!)

On 23 May we invite you to a dinner out including a surprise act 😊 No special dress code is needed, you may wear whatever you feel comfortable with (casual, classic, elegant, bohemian, party-style etc.).

Address: Restaurant & Venue Sipuli, Kanavaranta 7, 00170 Helsinki, <https://www.ravintolasipuli.fi/>

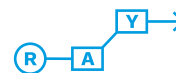
1.3. NATIONAL DELEGATIONS & PREPARATORY MATERIAL (UPDATE)

REMINDER

We highly recommend exchanging with your national delegation beforehand. In case you didn't have the chance yet, please find the related information from the first info letter below which can support you with your preparations:

What is your role as national delegation and how can you prepare beforehand? We advise you

- *to connect with the other members of your national delegation and set up meeting(s) beforehand*
- *discuss and prepare specifics of your national context when it comes to the implementation and the impact of the European youth programmes, keeping in mind the perspectives from practice, policy and research*
- *discuss expectations and what you want to take with you from the event (individually and as a delegation)*



We strongly recommend that the National Agencies take the lead roles in preparing the national delegations.

UPDATE

Preparations can vary from country to country. If your national RAY analysis from the monitoring surveys is ready at this point, then it is beneficial to discuss national RAY results, challenges and possible recommendations. Another option is to exchange about youth work and related structures and policies within your countries. Furthermore, reflecting on the impact of the European youth programmes, related practices, recognition, and research is also valuable. It depends on the composition of your national delegation, your national context and available research, policies and strategies.

Preparatory and background material (NEW!)

Please find the **first & the second part of key RAY research findings enclosed** (Initial key findings from the analysis of the most recent RAY Monitoring surveys, as well as selected key findings across the thematic research projects – Part 1 & Part 2). *Part 1 has already been shared with the first info package.*

Preparatory and background material (REMINDER!)

As a reminder, the following documents have been shared already (and are enclosed again):

- *Short introduction of the RAY Network and its activities*
- *Initial key findings from the analysis of the most recent RAY Monitoring surveys, as well as selected key findings across the thematic research projects – Part 1 (included in PART 1 & PART 2)*
- *In case you are not that familiar with the European youth programmes, please get in touch with your National Agency as well as check out the following links:*

>> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0817&from=EN>¹

>> [Erasmus+ programme](#)

>> [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

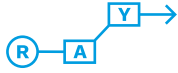
>> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0888&from=EN>²

>> [European Solidarity Corps](#)

>> [European Solidarity Corps Guide](#)

¹ REGULATION (EU) 2021/817 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 May 2021 establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013

² REGULATION (EU) 2021/888 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Solidarity Corps Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) 2018/1475 and (EU) No 375/2014



2. CONFERENCE MODALITIES

2.1. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE (*REMINDER*)

We recommend an arrival on the 22nd of May during the afternoon hours. We invite you to a welcome dinner on the 22nd of May at 19:00 (local time) as well as a small networking reception in the premises of the venue. The official programme begins on the 23rd of May at 09:00 and ends on the 24th of May at 16:15.

2.2. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION (*UPDATE*)

The Summit takes place in Clarion Hotel Helsinki.

Address: Tyynenmerenkatu 200220 Helsinki

Web: <https://www.strawberryhotels.com/hotels/finland/helsinki/clarion-hotel-helsinki/>

You can find directions to the hotel further below.

- All participants are accommodated in Clarion Hotel Helsinki. We have reserved single rooms for you according to the information you have indicated in the registration form or communicated otherwise.
- Please note: If, in an exceptional case, you need to cancel on short notice due to sickness or another kind of force majeure, we need to be informed about it immediately due to logistical and organisational demands. Cancellation costs may apply.

2.3. RELATED COSTS (*UPDATE*)

As a rule, the host and the co-hosts **cover the costs for all participants (see exceptions below)** for board and lodging. This includes two nights (22nd and 23rd) as well as an additional third night on 24th in case the travel itinerary requires. Any **other** additional nights need to be paid from own expenses.

Exceptions: Colleagues from National Agencies

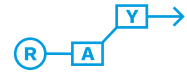
Colleagues from National Agencies need to cover their costs for board and lodging from own resources. We will pre-pay these costs and will send you respective invoices after the conference. The fee for two nights is approximately 500 Euro and for three nights approximately 660 Euro.

Other stakeholders from the policy field (if applicable)

Some participants/stakeholders e.g. ministry employees might have internal guidelines for expenses occurring in international events. In case, your internal rules require to pay the accommodation from your own/institution's resources, we will pre-pay these costs and will send you respective invoices after the conference. The fee for two nights is approximately 500 Euro and for three nights approximately 660 Euro.

2.4. SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY (*REMINDER*)

In our activities, we support the principle of safer space, where no one is discriminated or bullied because of their background or person. We want you to respect the same principle.



Our activities are accessible for people with disabilities. If you need a support person, accessible room and transport or supporting tools, we will provide it for you. Please let us know about your needs as soon as possible.

We take sustainability in consideration where we can. Since most participants have to fly to Finland, we encourage you to travel on land within Finland. We also encourage you to contact your own National Agency to find out how they support low emission travelling to activities abroad.

3. DIRECTIONS (NEW!)

From Helsinki airport take the **train P or I** (station: *Lentoasema*) towards Helsinki and get off at *Helsingin päärautatieasema* (Helsinki Railway Station), which is the last stop. The entrance to the train station at the airport is in the corridor between the terminals T1 and T2. You need to buy the ticket (the price is 4,10 euros, ticket type ABC) before boarding the train (there are ticket machines at the platform). Travel time to Helsinki Railway Station is approx. 30 minutes.

From Helsinki Railway Station, walk for 1 minute to the tram station called *Rautatieasema* and take the **tram line 9** towards *Länsiterминаali via Jätkäsaari* or **tram line 7** towards *Länsiterминаali*. Regardless of which one you choose, exit at the 5th stop, which is *Huutokonttori* station. Walk for 1-3 minutes and you will arrive at the hotel.

Alternatively, you can also take the metro from the Helsinki Railway Station. The stop is called *Rautatientori*, travel towards *Matinkylä* and exit at the second stop: *Ruoholahti*. From there, it is a 15-minute walk (900m) to the hotel.

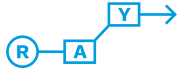
You can use the same ticket you bought for the train also for the tram or metro, but please note that the ticket is only valid for 90 minutes. So, if you want to use the same ticket, take the tram or metro before the said 90 minutes have passed. Otherwise, you will need to buy a new ticket (2,95 euros, ticket type AB). You cannot buy tickets in the tram or metro. You will have to buy the ticket beforehand either from a machine or use the app HSL.

Helsinki public transport (trains, trams, buses, metros):

- Timetables, routes and other information about public transport: <https://www.hsl.fi/en> or the HSL app
- Tickets can be bought from ticket machines or via the HSL app. More information: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares>

In case you need a taxi, Taxi Helsinki is one option:

- Call Taxi Helsinki Service Center +358 100 0700 (€ 2.90 + € 0.25 / 10 s + local / mobile cost) or order and pay via the Taxi Helsinki app.
- You can see their fares from their website: (<https://www.taksihelsinki.fi/en/uncategorized-en/pricelist-from-the-airport-2/>).



4. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION (NEW!)

4.1. TIME ZONE

Please note, that Finland's time zone is UTC+3 (EEST).

4.2. WEATHER

The weather in Finland hasn't been the warmest yet. At the moment, it seems that it'll be between 15 and 20 degrees during the Summit, so it's recommended for you to pack a light jacket (and a scarf 😊). As the weather can change rather quickly, please keep the forecasts in mind when packing (<https://www.foreca.com/100658225/Helsinki-Finland>).

4.3. SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR FREETIME

Since the hotel is located by a harbor, we recommend taking a stroll and enjoying the view. If you've seen enough water already, just head towards Punavuori, which is full of old architecture and is known for its vivid culture.

Although this might not be the most obvious one, we also recommend visiting the Hietaniemi cemetery, which is approximately 1,5 km from the hotel. It is a beautiful place with different interesting sections like the Artist's Hill and tombs of previous Finnish presidents. If you're feeling adventurous, you can take a 2 km-walk to Hietaniemi beach and go for a morning or a night swim! 😊

At the Clarion Hotel, there is also a gym, a sauna and a pool.

5. WHAT'S NEXT

SEE YOU IN HELSINKI!

CONTACT DETAILS

If you need any further information in the meantime or in case of questions, please contact

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In case of an emergency, you can reach us here: Tiina Launiainen (Project Coordinator, RAY Network Coordination): +358 295 331 401 (from 22 – 24 May).

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE SUMMIT!

Warm wishes,

RAY Network Coordination & Facilitation Team

on behalf of the hosting and co-hosting National Agencies, RAY transnational research team as well as the preparation team