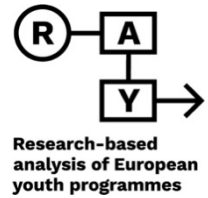




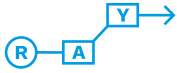
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**RESEARCH PROJECT
ON COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT AND
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUTH WORK
AND TRAINING IN THE EUROPEAN
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(RAY-COMP)**

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024



Research project on competence development and capacity building for youth work and training in the European youth programmes (RAY-COMP)

Report of activities 2023/2024

In 2021, the RAY Network started to explore educational approaches to competence development and capacity building in the context of the European youth programmes and their suitability to strengthen the diversity, quality and impact of youth work across Europe (RAY-COMP). 8 RAY Network Partners support the project currently: Belgium (Flemish Community), Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania and Portugal. The working group of the project has been supported by the RAY Network partners from Germany and Italy.

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

- Development of revised research notes and research schedules for the project for discussion by the network partners
- Analysis of the monitoring data for Erasmus+ and the Solidarity Corps as it relates to the research questions of the project
- Implementation and analysis of transnational interviews for module 1 of the research project, according to interview guidelines
- Support to national partners in conducting national focus groups with trainers, based on focus group guidelines for module 2, and subsequent transnational analysis
- Support to national partners in conducting national focus groups with youth workers and youth leaders, based on focus group guidelines for module 3, and transnational analysis
- Implementation and analysis of transnational interviews for module 4 of the research project, according to interview guidelines
- Co-host of the analysis seminar in Reykjavik in December 2023, preparation and facilitation of thematic working and discussion groups
- Support of the SNACs (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) on youth work with a connection to competence development and capacity building
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of youth work SNACs and RAY COMP in their specific national context
- Contribution to the development process for the upcoming Open Data Portal of RAY, including two weekly development sprints
- Participation in team retreats of the transnational research team and a joint team retreat with the network coordination team
- Contribution to the preparation of and support to the meetings of the RAY Strategy Group in 2023 and 2024
- 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 and plans during Network Meeting in September 2023
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2023 and 2024
- Participation in coordination and contents meetings with youth work related SNACs
- Participation in and contribution to the analysis seminar in Reykjavik in December 2023
- Participation in and contribution to the Triangular Summit in Helsinki in May 2024
- Participation in and contribution to the Think Tank Meeting in Tallinn in June 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during NA Business Meeting in October 2023
- Presentation of key findings of the project during Directors General Meeting in March 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during E+ NA-Commission Meetings in 2023 and 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during TCA/NET Meeting in Riga in March 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during CIOST Staff Training in May 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during YWM Staff Training in June 2024
- Presentation of findings at a webinar for Eurodesk Information Officers in March 2024
- Presentation of findings at Youth Research Dialogues in 2023 and 2024
- Participation in and contribution to the monthly digital RAY Network Exchanges
- Thematic contributions to the monthly newsletter for the RAY Network
- Participation in and contribution to the monthly coordination and update meetings
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-COMP project page on researchyouth.net

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