



RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE ROLE OF DIGITALISATION IN YOUTH WORK AND NON-FORMAL LEARNING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PROGRAMMES (RAY-DIGI)

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024



Research project on the role of digitalisation in youth work and non-formal learning in the context of the European youth programmes (RAY-DIGI) Report of activities 2023/2024

RAY-DIGI was introduced as a new thematic research project of the RAY Network in 2020, partly in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its profound effects on youth work and the role of digitalisation in youth work. 15 RAY Network Partners support the project currently: Belgium (Flemish Community), Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia. The working group of the project has been supported by the RAY Network partners from Belgium (Flemish Community), Czechia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Malta and Slovenia.

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
- Support to national partners in conducting case studies and finalising case study reports according to guidelines
- Implementation and analysis of 11 transnational case studies, including case studies summaries
- Continuation and finalisation of transnational analysis with development of draft report for partners to discuss
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting in January 2024 in Helsinki in person
- Refinement of draft transnational report, following the discussions and feedback at the working group meeting
- Support of the SNAC (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) on digitalisation (SNAC DIGI)
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of SNAC DIGI and RAY DIGI in their specific national context
- Support of and cooperation with the SALTO Digitalisation and SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centres
- 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 digitalisation 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
- 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-DIGI project page on researchyouth.net

ANNEXES

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- 2. WORKING GROUP AGENDA
- 3. DRAFT TRANSNATIONAL REPORT
- 4. TRANSNATIONAL ANALYSIS EXAMPLE
- 5. TRANSNATIONAL CASE STUDY EXAMPLE
- 6. REVISED TRANSNATIONAL REPORT
- 7. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE