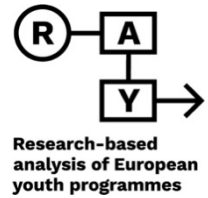




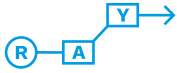
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**RESEARCH PROJECT
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SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

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Report of activities 2023/2024

Over the past years, the core documents that frame the European youth programmes, such as the joint decision of the European Parliament and the Council and the annual work plans and programme guides, have been complemented by programme-specific strategies on inclusion, participation, and training. Moreover, the EU Youth Strategy relies on the European youth programmes as a main tool for its implementation, the European Youth Goals cover the European youth programmes, and the European Youth Work Agenda has recently complemented the array of strategic documents with reference to and influence on the European youth programmes.

In addition, strategic cooperation projects by partnerships of National Agencies (SNACs) have become a prominent tool to take core issues further and help develop and advance the European youth programmes. At the moment, the monitoring surveys of the RAY Network typically do not cover strategic cooperation projects, which leaves their contribution to the realisation of the afore-mentioned strategies unconsidered and unvalued.

Against that backdrop, the RAY Network is beginning to explore how the European youth programmes, and the strategic cooperation projects within them, contribute to the implementation of programme- and sector-specific strategies of relevance to the European youth programmes (RAY-STRAT).

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

- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2023 and 2024
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of an online working group meeting in Jan 2024
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting in January 2024, in Berlin in person
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of an online working group meeting in May 2024
- Preparation and implementation of focus groups in preparation of Think Tank Meeting, with coordinators of SNACs and with TCA/NET officers, in March 2024
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up Think Tank Meeting in June 2024, including a strategic input paper
- Preparation and facilitation of discussions of the RAY Strategy Group, in particular in relation to the research project
- Preparation of a network introduction brochure for the Summit of Directors General and Heads of Agency during the Belgian EU Presidency
- Support of the SNACs (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) with a connection to strategic aspects of the European youth programmes
- Coordination of the development process for the upcoming Open Data Portal of RAY, including user research and two weekly development sprints
- Participation in team retreats of the transnational research team and a joint team retreat with the network coordination team
- 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-STRAT project page on researchyouth.net

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