



Erasmus+



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

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2022 – APRIL 2023

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

Report of activities 2022/2023

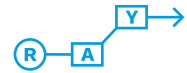
In 2021, the RAY Network started to explore educational approaches to competence development and capacity building in the context of the European youth programmes and their suitability to strengthen the diversity, quality and impact of youth work across Europe (RAY-COMP). 8 RAY Network Partners support 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
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting in September 2022, online on the RAY Jitsi Meeting Server
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting in December 2022 in Cologne in person
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2022 and 2023
- Analysis of the impact of the pandemic on the European youth field and potential consequences for the research project
- Analysis of the updated competence frameworks at European level of relevance for the project
- 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
- Support of national partners in developing an approach of how to respond to the impact of the pandemic in their national context
- Preparation of survey development with a focus on how other surveys cover competence development and capacity building
- 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 2022
- Presentation of progress, options & plans during working group meeting in September 2022
- Presentation of progress, options & plans during working group meeting in December 2022
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2022 and 2023



- Participation in coordination meetings with youth work related SNACs
- Presentation of key findings of the project during Directors General Meeting in September 2022
- Presentation of key findings of the project during E+ NA-Commission Meetings in 2022 and 2023
- Presentation of findings at the Erasmus+ Launch Conference in Oslo in July 2022
- Presentation of findings at the Youth Participation Forum in Tallinn in November 2022
- Presentation of findings at Youth Research Dialogues in 2022 and 2023
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-COMP project page on researchyouth.net

During the reporting period, the course of the project was influenced to a great extent by the coronavirus pandemic. In consequence, the following activities were implemented differently:

- The implementation of focus groups and interviews at national level was postponed, as the project partners agreed that the field was not yet ready for thematic research projects, owed to their struggle to deal with the consequences of the pandemic (delayed activities, decreased budgets, loss of staff and volunteers). After extensive discussions during working group meetings, the concept note was overhauled in response to these developments.

ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. WORKING GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 2022**
- 3. WORKING GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 2022**
- 4. MODULE 1 INTERVIEW GUIDELINES**
- 5. MODULE 1 REPORTING TEMPLATE**
- 6. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE**