



# 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 2022 - APRIL 2023



## 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 2022/2023

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
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2022 and 2023
- Analysis of Erasmus+ Youth projects on digitality and how their foci has changed in response to the pandemic
- Refinement of case study guidelines for national research partners, detailing the research activities at national level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, interview guidelines, report templates, and key dates.
- Development of case study implementation guidelines and interview guidelines for national research partners
- Support of the SNAC (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) on digitalisation (SNAC DIGI):
  - Support of questionnaire development of WP1 for a mapping of national youth (work) policies and youth (work) strategies and their approach to digitalisation;
  - Support of mapping and analysis of WP2 for a mapping of competence frameworks and self-assessment tools, including conducting a mapping of Germanspeaking frameworks and tools;
  - Support of case study approach development of WP3
  - Support of survey development of WP4
  - Support of quality criteria development of WP5
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of SNAC DIGI and RAY DIGI in their specific national context
- Support of national partners in developing case study shortlists for case studies to be implemented in the next project phase
- Implementation of transnational case studies (continuing into the next reporting period)
- 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 key findings, progress and plans during Network Meeting in September 2022
- Presentation of key findings at SALTO Digital Dialogues on digital competence frameworks
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2022 and 2023
- Participation in coordination meetings with thematically 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-DIGI project page on researchyouth.net

# **ANNEXES**

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE
- 2. ANALYSIS DIGITALITY DURING THE PANDEMIC
- 3. CASE STUDY IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES
- 4. INTERVIEW GUIDELINES PROJECT TEAMS
- 5. INTERVIEW GUIDELINES PROJECT PARTICIPANTS
- 6. CASE STUDY REPORTING TEMPLATE
- 7. SALTO DIGITAL DIALOGUES INPUT
- 8. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE