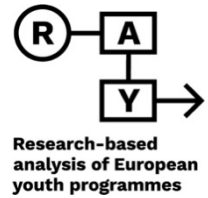




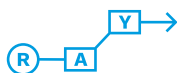
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**SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

JULY 2022 – APRIL 2023



# Research project on organisational trajectories of learning and development in the European youth programmes (RAY-LEARN)

## Report of activities 2022/2023

In 2018, the RAY Network started to explore and analyse strategies and practices for organisational learning and development of youth sector organisations and networks in the context of the European youth programmes (RAY-LEARN). 14 RAY Network Partners support the project currently: Belgium (Flemish Community), France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden. The working group of the project has been supported by the RAY Network partners from Belgium (Flemish Community), France, Germany, Italy 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
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting in January 2023, in Brussels in person
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of an open working group meeting in April 2023, online on the RAY Jitsi Meeting Server
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project in 2022 and 2023
- Development of a potential case action module, including methodological considerations, overall approach, and budgetary consequences
- 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
- Refinement of transnational case study guidelines after working group discussions, detailing the research activities at national level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, interview guidelines, report templates, and key dates
- Support of the SNACs (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) on youth work with a connection to organizational development and learning through a common evaluation approach
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of youth work SNACs and RAY LEARN in their specific national context
- Implementation of transnational case studies, to be continued in the next reporting period
- Refinement of interim transnational report after having received additional national case study reports from project partners
- 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 progress, options & plans during working group meeting in January 2023
- Presentation of progress, options & plans during working group meeting in April 2023
- 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-LEARN 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 coronavirus pandemic had such a profound impact on the youth sector in general, and on European youth work specifically, that all project partners agreed it would be inadequate to conduct case studies on organisational learning during a time when many programme beneficiaries have to shrink and oftentimes even fight for their survival. The approach to the case studies was discussed and adjusted several times during the reporting period in the common attempt of project partners to respect these stark realities. Case study implementation started at the end of this reporting period.

# ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. WORKING GROUP MEETING JANUARY 2023**
- 3. WORKING GROUP MEETING APRIL 2023**
- 4. REVISED TRANSNATIONAL ANALYSIS**
- 5. POTENTIAL ACTION RESEARCH MODULE**
- 6. CONCEPT FOR NEXT PROJECT PHASE**