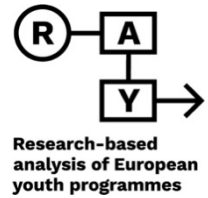




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**RESEARCH PROJECT
ON THE RESEARCH-BASED
ANALYSIS AND MONITORING OF
THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS
(RAY-SOC)**

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2022 – APRIL 2023

Research project on the analysis and monitoring of the European Solidarity Corps (RAY-SOC)

Report of activities 2022/2023

RAY-SOC was introduced as a new monitoring strand of the RAY Network in 2019, following the establishment of the European Solidarity Corps as a stand-alone programme. 28 Research Partners joined the project, namely all RAY-MON Research Partners who were also made responsible for the European Solidarity Corps in their respective countries. The working group of the project is supported by the RAY Network partners from Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Germany and Slovenia.

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

- Development of an initial research note and research schedule for the project for discussion by network partners
- Development of a draft concept note, initial budget and budget allocation preview for the research project
- Development of a full concept note including the context of the origin of the project, the aims and objectives, the research questions as well as the research design and instruments
- Ongoing revisions of the concept notes for the project in response to the volatility of technical tools in use for the implementation of the European Solidarity Corps, the ambiguity of how data protection regulations impact the contact data collection process
- Ongoing revisions of the concept notes for the project in response to the circumstances caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, in particular the ability of programme beneficiaries to implement projects
- Preparation, facilitation and follow-up of the working group meeting of the project in November 2022 in Berlin
- Preparation, facilitation and follow-up of the working group meeting of the project in February 2023 in Innsbruck
- Continuous analysis of indicators, project types, project roles, programme objectives and intervention logics to ensure that the new surveys cover all essentials
- Finalisation of the modularisation approach and development of core as well as rotating survey modules
- Planning of the network's contribution to the midterm evaluation of the European Solidarity Corps
- 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 November 2022
- Presentation of progress, options & plans during working group meeting in February 2023
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2022 and 2023



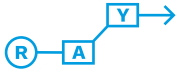
- Participation in coordination meetings with youth work related SNACs
- Presentation of key findings of the project during Directors General Meeting in September 2022
- Presentation of key findings of the project during E+ NA-Commission Meetings in 2022 and 2023
- Presentation of findings at the Erasmus+ 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-MON project page on researchyouth.net

During the reporting period, the following additional research coordination activities were implemented, which started in previous reporting periods and will continue beyond this reporting period:

- Continuous review of technical tools and frameworks required for programmatic and thematic research in the context of the European Solidarity Corps, and ongoing discussion of the implications for the technical tools and frameworks of the programme itself
- Continuous review of legal tools and frameworks required for programmatic and thematic research in the context of the European Solidarity Corps, and ongoing discussion of the implications for the legal tools and frameworks of the programme itself
- Contribution to the input and feedback process on the preliminary opinion on data protection and scientific research by the European Data Protection Supervisor from the perspective of youth and learning mobility research

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 delayed so many projects across all project types in the entire programme, and the technical tools for the programme were so faulty at the start of the programme, that the Strategy Group of RAY decided to delay the first monitoring survey round and push the first survey from 2022 to 2023.



ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. WORKING GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 2022**
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