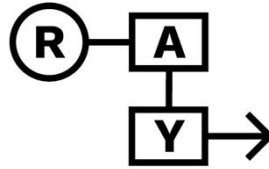




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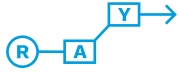
# RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

## PARTICIPANTS CRITERIA

### GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

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The RAY Triangular Summit seeks to involve and invite around 120 participants, including researchers, practitioners and policymakers from all over Europe from the fields of youth, European youth work and European youth policy, more specifically:

### 1. NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

National Agencies of the European youth programmes are asked to propose participants for their national delegations according to the following criteria:

#### WHO?

Participants should be able to actively participate and contribute to the Summit meaningfully, whether that be from the perspective of policy, practice, programming and/or research. It is up to your experience, knowledge and judgement which stakeholders you seem fit and would like to propose for your national delegations. When nominating members of your delegations, please consider the following backgrounds, roles and fields of work:

**>> Participants from the practice (and implementation) field:** National Agencies, Head of NAs, RAY Network partners, youth work organisations, platforms and institutions at local, regional and national levels, civil society stakeholders at national level (e.g. NGOs), youth workers, practitioners, trainers.

**>> Participants from the research field:** RAY Network researchers, research stakeholders from the youth, non-formal education, education, and similar fields.

**>> Participants from the policy field:** Institutional stakeholders at local, regional and national levels (national authorities, national Ministries, regional bodies, local authorities), civil society stakeholders at national level (e.g. National Youth Councils), Members of the European Parliament and Youth Working Party (please note, the RAY Coordination will also invite Members of the European Parliament – please get in touch with us if you are planning to invite MEPs from your country. We will also consult you about the foreseen MEPs planned to be invited).

#### HOW?

As we intend to have a diverse group from different fields, we asked you to take this also into consideration when pre-selecting your participants. For example, please make sure your proposal doesn't primarily include colleagues from National Agencies or the RAY Network.

>> If you are identifying as a 'smaller country' and/or a country with a small youth sector/a small youth work community, please **pre-select** 5-6 participants. During the final selection we will **select a minimum of 2-3 participants** from your shortlist (therefore please indicate 'priority' and 'waiting list' for each participant). Depending on the number and size of all national proposals, we might be able to offer all your proposed participants a place at the Summit.



>> If you are identifying as a 'larger country' and/or a country with a large youth sector/large youth work community, please **pre-select** 7-8 participants. During the final selection we will **select a minimum of 4-5 participants** from your shortlist (therefore please indicate 'priority' and 'waiting list' for each participant). Depending on the number and size of all national proposals, we might be able to offer all your proposed participants a place at the Summit.

## TIMELINE

- We kindly ask you to **indicate your proposal** via the following form: **<https://www.researchyouth.net/ray-triangular-summit-national-delegations-pre-selection/> until 1 March by the latest.**
- The RAY Coordination and the facilitation team will do the final selection of participants based on your proposals, according to the places available and by ensuring a balance of backgrounds, experiences as well as fields of work.
- We **will inform the National Agencies about the results on 8 March** and will ask for a final confirmation from your side.
- The **final selected participants** will receive a first information package by the RAY Coordination **middle of March**.
- Further next steps will be communicated at a later stage.

## 2. EUROPEAN STAKEHOLDERS

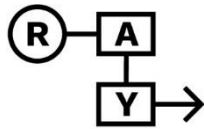
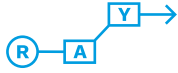
The RAY Network Coordination invites relevant stakeholders on the European level e.g. European Commission, Council of Europe, EU-CoE partnership, Members of the European Parliament, Research Network of other programme sectors, European Youth Forum and international youth umbrella organisations and networks.

## 3. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT

>> You can find further information on the context, aims and objectives of the RAY Triangular Summit in the concept note enclosed as well as on the RAY website (<https://www.researchyouth.net/events/upcoming-events/ray-triangular-summit-may-2024-2/>).

>> In case of questions, please feel free to reach out to Carmen Teubl-Kiviniemi, RAY Network Project Manager (Finnish National Agency for Education), [carmen.teubl-kiviniemi@oph.fi](mailto:carmen.teubl-kiviniemi@oph.fi).

## 4. TEMPLATE FOR INVITATIONS ON NATIONAL LEVEL (next page)



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22-24 MAY 2024

HELSINKI, FINLAND

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## AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The RAY<sup>1</sup> Triangular Summit will bring policy, practice and research together to discuss the evidence-based research from the latest RAY Monitoring surveys for Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps<sup>2</sup>.

It aims to foster an informed discourse between stakeholders from different fields and explore how the evidence-based research can contribute to youth work practice and to youth policy development in Europe, to relevant strategies, as well as the further development of the European youth programmes and their mid-term evaluations. Finally, this Summit aims to illustrate the impact and showcase the outcomes of the European youth programmes.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE ATTACHED CONCEPT NOTE.

## PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The national delegations are proposed by the National Agencies of the European youth programmes. The final selection of participants will be communicated in the middle of March.

The RAY Triangular Summit takes place in Helsinki, Finland from 22-24 May 2024, with an arrival on 22 May in the evening and on departure 24 May in the late afternoon. We appreciate an attendance for the whole duration of the programme. In case this is not possible, let us know beforehand.

The event is co-hosted by the National Agencies of the European youth programmes from Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain and Sweden. The RAY Network Coordination (at the Finnish National Agency) leads and coordinates the preparation process and the implementation of the Summit in cooperation with the RAY transnational research team.

CONTACT (national level):

Your name, contact details and organisation/NA

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<sup>1</sup> The RAY Network is a self-governed European youth research network with 35 partners in Europe. [www.researchyouth.net](http://www.researchyouth.net)

<sup>2</sup> For the first time since the start of the pandemic the RAY Network is surveying project participants and project team members of the Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps programmes, the so-called RAY Monitoring surveys. The recent surveys have been open from June 2023 until the end of October 2023 (<https://www.researchyouth.net/news/new-ray-monitoring-surveys-have-been-launched/>).