



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 2024 – JUNE 2025

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

Report of activities 2024/2025

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
- Analysis of the monitoring data for Erasmus+ and the Solidarity Corps as it relates to the research questions of the project
- Finalisation of all national and transnational modules of the research project, according to research guidelines
- Support to national partners in finalising their national research activities
- Finalisation of the overall transnational research report with annexes
- Development of key findings for wider circulation
- 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
- Contribution to the development process for the upcoming Open Data Portal of RAY, including development sprints
- Participation in team retreats of the transnational research team and a joint team retreat with the network coordination team
- Contribution to the preparation of and support to the meetings of the RAY Strategy Group in 2024 and 2025
- Development of starting points for eventual follow-up research activities in the future
- 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 2024
- Participation in several coordination meetings with institutional partners in 2024 and 2025
- Participation in coordination and contents meetings with thematically related SNACs
- Participation in and contribution to the thematic seminar in Bratislava in June 2025
- Presentation of key findings of the project during NA Business Meetings in 2024 and 2025
- Presentation of key findings of the project during Directors General Meeting in 2024 and 2025
- Presentation of key findings of the project during E+ NA-Commission Meetings in 2024 and 2025
- Presentation of findings at Youth Research Dialogues in 2024 and 2025
- Participation in and contribution to the bimonthly digital RAY Network Exchanges
- Thematic contributions to the monthly newsletter for the RAY Network
- Participation in and contribution to the monthly coordination and update meetings
- Contribution to the development of the RAY-COMP project page on researchyouth.net

ANNEXES

- 1. CONCEPT NOTE**
- 2. WORKING GROUP AGENDA**
- 3. WORKING GROUP SLIDES DAY 1**
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- 5. WORKING GROUP SUMMARY NOTES**
- 6. KEY FINDINGS FOR WIDER CIRCULATION**
- 7. FINAL TEXT OF TRANSNATIONAL REPORT**
- 8. CONTRIBUTION 1 TO TCA/NET OFFICERS MEETING**
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- 10. KEY FINDINGS FOR YOUTH RESEARCH DIALOGUE**