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 2024 – JUNE 2025

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 2024/2025

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
- Analysis of the monitoring data for Erasmus+ and the Solidarity Corps as it relates to the research questions of the project
- Refinement of case study guidelines for national research partners for upcoming rounds, detailing the research activities at national level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, interview guidelines, report templates, and key dates
- Support to national partners in conducting case studies and finalising case study reports according to guidelines
- Finalisation of transnational analysis of 11 transnational case studies, including case studies summaries
- Finalisation of transnational analysis including layouted version and summative key findings for wider circulation
- Preparation of a working group meeting in July 2025 in Malta in person
- Support of the SNAC (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) on digitalisation (SNAC DIGI)
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of SNAC DIGI and RAY DIGI in their specific national context
- Support of and cooperation with the SALTO Digitalisation and SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centres
- 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 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 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 digitalisation 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-DIGI project page on researchyouth.net

ANNEXES

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