RESEARCH PROJECT ON ORGANISATIONAL TRAJECTORIES OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PROGRAMMES (RAY-LEARN)

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025

Research project on organisational trajectories of learning and development in the European youth programmes (RAY-LEARN)
Report of activities 2024/2025

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
- Production of a summative report of key outcomes from Round 1 of the project, including key findings for wider publication
- Refinement of case study guidelines for national research partners for rounds 3 and 4, detailing the research activities at national level, including research questions, sampling criteria, ethical standards, interview guidelines, report templates, and key dates
- Refinement of interview guidelines for national research partners for rounds 3 and 4, including development of a reporting template for national partners
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a working group meeting in May 2025, in Budapest in person
- Preparation, realisation and follow-up of several online working meetings with project partners and stakeholders
- Preparation, implementation and follow-up of a preparatory meeting meeting, in May 2025, in Budapest in person, for the upcoming RAY LEARN conference
- Support of the SNACs (Strategic National Agency Cooperation) with a connection to organisational development and learning
- Support of national partners in aligning the activities of thematically related SNACs and RAY LEARN 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 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-LEARN project page on researchyouth.net

ANNEXES

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