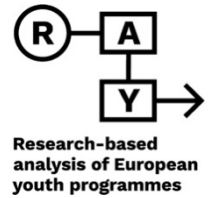# RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE RESEARCH-BASED ANALYSIS AND MONITORING OF ERASMUS+ YOUTH (RAY-MON)

SUMMATIVE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025

Research project on the analysis and monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth (RAY-MON)
Report of activities 2024/2025

In 2008, the RAY Network was founded with the aim to contribute to quality assurance and quality development in the implementation of the European Union's Youth in Action Programme (2007–2013). The initial network partners developed the first standard surveys for project participants and project teams, which were further refined at the start of the next programme generation, Erasmus+ Youth in Action (2014–2020). As part of the network's core research project on the research-based analysis and monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth (RAY-MON), the surveys were overhauled for the first time since the network's foundation at the start of the current programme generation (2021–2027). This reseach project involves all 36 partners.

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

- Development of revised research concept notes, budgets and research schedules for the project for discussion by network partners
- Continuation of transnational analysis and development of key finding presentation and input for the Network Meeting in Vilnius in 2024
- Finalisation of narrative transnational research report, covering key findings in 9 chapters on 88 pages, and including the development of 144 figures for the report
- Update of thematic factsheets and development of additional factsheets, both in print and online versions
- Preparation, realisation and follow-up of three working group meetings in Strasbourg in December 2024, online in March 2025, and in Istanbul in April 2025
- Coordination of survey questionnaire process to refine questions and response options in preparation of the next monitoring survey round
- Thematic analysis and development of thematic inputs for a number of staff trainings and conferences
- Continuation of the development process for the upcoming Open Data Portal of RAY, including several development sprints
- Participation in team retreats of the transnational research team and the network coordination team
- Participation in monthly coordination meetings of the transnational research team and 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 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 key findings of the project during TCA/NET Meeting in Riga in March 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during CIOST Staff Training in May 2024
- Presentation of key findings of the project during YWM Staff Training in June 2024
- Presentation of findings at a webinar for Eurodesk Information Officers in March 2024

- 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 4th European Youth Work Convention in May 2025

- Participation in and contribution to the monthly coordination and update meetings

- 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 conceptual and methodological requirements and criteria for applied evaluative research in the context of European Union programmes, and ongoing discussion of the implications for the research designs and approaches of RAY
- Participation in and contribution to the exchange meetings with the RIA-AE Network, including participation in network meetings in October 2024 in Bled and June 2025 in Gouda, to coordinate discussions about joint responses to these changing evaluative requirements
- Continuous review of technical and legal tools and frameworks required for programmatic and thematic research in the context of Erasmus+ Youth, and ongoing discussion of the implications for the technical tools and frameworks of the programme itself
- Contribution to the input and feedback process on the revision of the preliminary opinion on data protection and scientific research by the European Data Protection Supervisor from the perspective of youth and learning mobility research
- Setup and maintenance of a dedicated server for the surveys of the RAY Network

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