

Research-based  
analysis of European  
youth programmes

# RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

## PARTICIPANTS CRITERIA

### GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

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The RAY Triangular Summit seeks to involve and invite around 130 participants, including young people, 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 deem fit and would like to propose for your national delegations. These participants can be of course beneficiaries of the European Youth Programmes.

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 and hosting NAs (IE/FI) will 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).

**>> Young people (across all three fields – see above):** we encourage you to nominate young people for your delegation as well. Similar criteria apply, e.g. 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.

Young people active in national Youth Advisory Boards or other structures you might have in place in your National Agency (or beyond) for involving young people in decision-making; young people involved in national youth work activities and/or national policy-making processes; young people with fewer opportunities.



## 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: **RAY Triangular Summit 2026: National Delegations Pre-Selection | RAY, until 24 March 2026 by the latest.**
- The RAY Coordination and the prep team will review all proposals and select the final participants, 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 1 April** and will ask for a final confirmation from your side.
- The **final selected participants** will receive a first information package including a registration for the Summit itself from the RAY Coordination **by 10 April**.
- Further next steps will be communicated at a later stage.

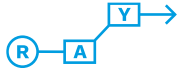
## 2.EUROPEAN & HIGH-LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS

The RAY Coordination at the Finnish National Agency and the hosting Irish National Agency, Leargas, centrally invite relevant stakeholders on the European level as well as high-level stakeholders, e.g. Members of the European Parliament including CULT Committee, Irish national high-level policy- and decision-makers, European Commission, Council of Europe, EU-CoE partnership, European Youth Forum and international youth umbrella organisations and networks, SALTO resource centres, SNACs, research networks and stakeholders of other programme sectors.

## 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, [RAY Triangular Summit October 2026 | RAY](#).

>> In case of questions, please feel free to reach out to Carmen Teubl-Kiviniemi, RAY Network 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)



## SAVE THE DATE

# RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

21-23 OCTOBER 2026

DUBLIN, IRELAND

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The RAY<sup>1</sup> Triangular Summit 2026 brings together policy, practice and research to explore and discuss most recent RAY research findings and essential insights from other European studies related to youth.

The event aims to foster an informed discourse between stakeholders from different fields to determine how evidence-based research can contribute to the further development of the current and upcoming generation of the European youth programme, as well as European youth policy strategies and frameworks.

**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE ATTACHED CONCEPT NOTE**

### ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK & NATIONAL DELEGATIONS/PARTICIPANTS

National Agencies of the European Youth Programmes are responsible for selecting the participants for their national delegations in cooperation with the preparation team of the Summit. The final selection of the participants will be communicated in mid-April 2026.

The RAY Triangular Summit takes place in Dublin, Ireland from 21-23 October 2026 (*arrival on 21 October in the afternoon and recommended departure on 24 October, the programme ends on 23 October in the late afternoon*). We appreciate 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 Ireland (Host) & Finland (RAY Coordination) and Austria, Belgium (Flemish Community), Czechia, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain (Co-hosts). The RAY Network Coordination (at the Finnish National Agency) leads and coordinates the preparation process and the implementation of the conference 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 (Research-based analysis of European youth programmes) is a self-governed European youth research network, currently involving 36 National Agencies of the Erasmus+ youth and European Solidarity Corps programme and their research partners. [www.researchyouth.net](http://www.researchyouth.net).