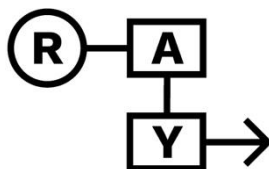




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RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

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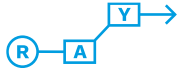
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Dear participant of the RAY Triangular Summit,

thank you for your interest in the RAY Triangular Summit which will take place from the 21st of October to the 23rd of October 2026 in Dublin, Ireland.

Arrival is recommended for the 21st of October and departure for the 24th of October.

We are happy to welcome you to the Summit as part of your respective National Delegation.

1. CONTEXT

The RAY Triangular Summit 2026 is co-hosted by the National Agencies of the European Youth Programmes from Ireland, Finland, Austria, Belgium (Flemish Community), Czechia, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania and Spain. The RAY Network Coordination (at the Finnish National Agency, EDUFI) and the hosting National Agency from Ireland (Léargas) lead and coordinate the preparation process and the implementation of the Summit.

1.1. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- The Summit 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.
- We foster an informed discourse between 160 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 programmes, as well as European youth policy strategies and frameworks.
- Finally, this event aims to illustrate the impact and showcase the outcomes of the European youth programmes.

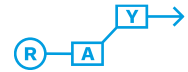
2. CONFERENCE MODALITIES

2.1. REGISTRATION FORM

In order to be able to plan your/our conference experience in the most comfortable and inclusive way we kindly ask you to **fill in the following registration form by the 7th of May at the latest: Registration RAY Triangular Summit 2026 | RAY.**

2.2. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

We recommend arrival on the 21st of October during the afternoon hours. We invite you to a welcoming dinner on the 21st of October at 19:00 (local time) as well as an informal networking reception afterwards. The official programme begins on the 22nd of October at 09:00 and ends



on the 23rd of October at 17:30. We will offer optional youth-lead walking tours after the official programme as well as a dinner for all participants. Departure is therefore recommended for the 24th of October.

2.3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Please proceed with making your travel arrangements. Contact your respective National Agency in order to learn more about the overall procedure to arrange the booking of your travel tickets and the reimbursement of your travel expenses.

2.4. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

- The Summit takes place in the Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Dublin, D2, Ireland (<https://www.claytonhotels.com/cardiff-lane/>).
- We will organise board and lodging for you (according to the information you are going to indicate in the registration form),
- All participants will be accommodated in single rooms in the Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane.

2.5. RELATED COSTS

As a rule, the hosts and the co-hosts cover the costs for board and lodging for three nights (21st, 22nd and 23rd). In case your travel itinerary requires an additional third night on 20th or 24th of October, please get in touch with us. The additional nights need to be paid for by own expenses.

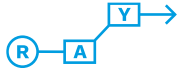
National Agencies and other stakeholders, if agreed

Colleagues from National Agencies (and other participants/stakeholders e.g. ministry employees, if agreed and if applicable) need to cover their costs for board and lodging from own resources. We will pre-pay these costs and will send you respective invoices after the conference. The flat fee for three nights is 1000 Euro.

Please note: We might be able to cover costs for NA colleagues as well. We will let you know at a later stage.

For all participants

Please note: If, in an exceptional case, you need to cancel on short notice due to sickness or another kind of force majeure, we need to be informed about it immediately due to logistical and organisational demands. Cancellation fees might apply.



2.6. SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

In our activities, we support the principle of safer space, where no one is discriminated against or bullied because of their background or person. We want you to respect the same principle.

Our activities are accessible for people with disabilities. If you need a support person, accessible room and transport or supporting tools, we will provide it for you. Please let us know about your needs as soon as possible.

We take sustainability in consideration where we can. We also encourage you to contact your own National Agency to find out how they support low emission travelling to activities abroad.

3. PROGRAMME RELATED INFORMATION

3.1. FIRST PROGRAMME INFORMATION

We are in the process of developing a programme for the Summit. For now, we can share the following information with you:

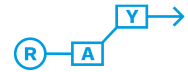
- DAY ONE (21st October): We invite you to a welcoming dinner, followed by an informal network reception.
- DAY TWO (22nd October): The programme on this day includes insights from the newest RAY research findings and beyond; panel discussions including voices from young people and high-level stakeholders; as well as exchange possibilities for the national delegations as well as between stakeholder groups from policy, practice and research. In the evening, we invite you to a dinner out and special surprise programme.
- DAY THREE (23rd October): We will dive deeper into emerging questions/topics from the research findings for the new programme generation and its implementation as well as strategic frameworks, e.g. the EU Youth Strategy. Furthermore, Irish national youth (work) sector engagement is planned. The programme ends at 17:30. Afterwards we offer optional youth-led walking and exploration tours as well as a common dinner.
- DAY FOUR (24th October): Departure of participants.

Further details about the programme will be sent at the end of May as well as beginning of September.

3.2. NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

National Agencies of the European youth programmes were responsible for proposing their national delegations. Additionally, European stakeholders have been invited centrally.

160 participants from the practice, policy and research field from local, national and European level have been selected by the National Agencies and the organisers for the RAY Triangular Summit.



What is your role as national delegation and how can you prepare beforehand? We advise you

- to connect with the other members of your national delegation and set up meeting(s) beforehand
- discuss and prepare specifics of your national context when it comes to the implementation and the impact of the European youth programmes, keeping in mind the perspectives from practice, policy and research
- discuss expectations and what you want to take with you from the event (individually and as a delegation)

We strongly recommend that the National Agencies take the lead roles in preparing the national delegations. More information will follow end of May as well as beginning of September.

First preparatory and background material and useful links

- We will send you further preparatory material, including key findings from RAY research, nearer to the event, for now please find a **short document about the RAY Network and its activities enclosed** which can support you with your preparation.
- In case you are not that familiar with the European youth programmes, please get in touch with your National Agency as well as check out the following links:

Current programme generation:

>> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0817&from=EN>

>> [Erasmus+ programme](#)

>> [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#) (current version)

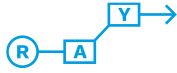
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>> [European Solidarity Corps](#)

>> [European Solidarity Corps Guide](#) (current version)

The current EU Youth Strategy: [EU youth strategy \(2019–2027\)](#) | EUR-Lex

Additional information on the developments of the new programme generation (2028–2034) as well as the new EU Youth Strategy and similar policy frameworks will be sent nearer to the event.



4. WHAT'S NEXT

YOU WILL RECEIVE...

... **second info package on 29th of May**, including a more detailed programme overview, preparatory material and more details on how you can prepare together as a national delegation,

... **a third info package by 10th of September**, including further organisational and practical details as well as additional information about the programme, related sessions and further preparatory material.

DON'T FORGET...

... **to fill in the registration form by 7th of May.**

... to arrange your travel and get in contact with your respective National Agency

CONTACT:

If you need any further information in the meantime or in case of questions, please reach out to Susanne Karppinen, susanne.karppinen@oph.fi (RAY Network Coordination) who acts as a first contact point for participants.

Second contact: Carmen Teubl-Kiviniemi, carmen.teubl-kiviniemi@oph.fi (RAY Network Coordination).

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE SUMMIT!

Warm wishes,

RAY Network Coordination (at the Finnish National Agency) & Léargas (Irish National Agency)

on behalf all co-hosting National Agencies, the preparation team of the Summit as well as the European RAY Coordination & RAY Transnational Research Team