

**TRIANGULAR
SUMMIT 26**

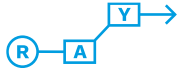
RAY TRIANGULAR SUMMIT

FOURTH INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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Enriching lives, opening minds.





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IMPACT OF ERASMUS+ YOUTH & EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Dear participants of the RAY Triangular Summit,

Herewith we are sending you final information for the RAY Triangular Summit, including the **final programme** and a **sneak peek into the newest RAY research findings**.

Furthermore, **updates and reminders**, including the registration to the youth-led walking tours, information on how you can prepare as a National Delegation, conference modalities, directions and useful tips.

Contacts and emergency phone numbers (only 21-24 October) can be found on the last page.

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. PROGRAMME RELATED INFORMATION

1.1. FINAL PROGRAMME OVERVIEW (NEW!)

You can find the **final programme** overview enclosed.

The themes for the discussion groups have been added to the programme, they are as follows:

- Youth Participation and Democracy
- Diversity and Inclusion of Participants
- Safety of Young People
- Supporting Current and Potential Beneficiaries
- Access, Recognition and Quality of Youth Work

Please note, the programme remains subject to change.

1.2. SELECTION OF KEY INSIGHTS FROM RAY (NEW!)

Enclosed you can find a sneak peek into the newest RAY research findings from our Monitoring surveys. This short report presents a selection of key findings from the analysis of the results from surveys conducted between September 2025 and March 2026 with project participants and project team members involved in Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps.

We will dive into these findings – and many more – during the Summit. This document can support your advance preparations.

Small hint: no need to print the document – a hard copy is waiting for you at the Summit.

1.3. YOUTH-LED WALKING TOURS AND REGISTRATION (REMINDER)

In case you haven't done yet, please sign up for the youth-led walking tours until 9 October.

More information about the tours is available in the *attached brochure*. Please decide which tour you would like to attend and **register through the following form:** [Registration Youth-led walking tours at the RAY Triangular Summit 2026 | RAY](#)

As part of the RAY Triangular Summit programme, you have the opportunity to join youth-led walking tours of inner-city Dublin on the evening of 23rd October, starting at 17:30. The tours are co-designed and delivered by young people from the inner-city Youth Services that are part of Erasmus+ projects, showcasing local spaces, landmarks, street art, and community life through their own lived experience and perspectives. Participants will be allocated into small groups to be guided by young people across the city.

1.4. ONBOARDING SESSION (UPDATE)

Thank you for joining the **online onboarding sessions**.

In case you couldn't participate, you can find the input and programme of the sessions **HERE**. The presentation is giving a good overview of what has been shared and discussed.

1.5. NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (REMINDER)

We highly recommend exchanging with other members of your national delegation beforehand.

We advise the National Agencies to take the lead in preparing the national delegations.

Some considerations and ideas to support you with your preparations were shared in the first second and third info letters (see below).

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)

Additionally, we propose that you consider:

- Current and ongoing discussions within your national contexts around the preparations and negotiations for the next generation of the Erasmus+ programme.
- Current and ongoing discussions within your national contexts around developments of policy frameworks, especially the European Youth Strategy.
- How you can take the discussions and outcomes of the Summit a step further within your national contexts, maybe developing action plans and follow-ups.

Preparatory and background material and useful links

- **Selection of key findings from RAY Monitoring surveys, enclosed**
- Short document about the RAY Network and its activities, enclosed
- 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)

>> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0888&from=EN>

>> European Solidarity Corps, >> European Solidarity Corps Guide (current version)

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

REMINDERS

2. CONFERENCE MODALITIES (*REMINDER*)

2.1. CHANGES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES

We kindly ask you inform us about changes of your arrival and departure dates. If, in an exceptional case, you need to cancel, we need to be informed about it **immediately** due to logistical and organisational demands. Due to strict cancellation policy, cancellation fees are likely to occur, if cancellations are made after 20th September.

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 19:00 with the youth-lead walking tours (starting at 17:30), followed by a dinner. 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 have organised board and lodging for you (according to the information you have indicated 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.

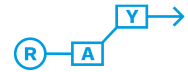
National Agencies and other stakeholders, if agreed

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: the real overnight costs are adding up to more than the calculated flat fee, therefore, and in order to not raise the costs too much for NA colleagues, we capped the fee at 1000 Euro.

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. DIRECTIONS (REMINDER)

The hotel is well connected to public transport.

FROM THE AIRPORT

BY BUS

- **Aircoach Route 702** stops directly outside the hotel, while the airport is approximately 12 km away. At Terminal 1, the Aircoach stop is located at Zone 2, just outside the main arrivals exit. At Terminal 2, the stop is at Zone 20. Tickets can be purchased online, through the Aircoach app, or at the airport/on board, with contactless payment accepted. The journey takes approximately 40 minutes, depending on traffic.
- Another convenient option for travelling between Dublin Airport and the city centre is **Dublin Express**. At Terminal 1, the Dublin Express stop is in Zone 1, directly outside the arrivals exit. At Terminal 2, follow the signs to Zone 21, located after the covered walkway and down the escalator. Tickets can be purchased online in advance, or at the airport; booking online is recommended as it offers the best fares and allows you to check the latest routes and timetables. For the latest information, tickets and route details, please visit the **official Dublin Express website**. The Dublin Express stops just across the river on North Wall Quay. From there it is a few minutes' walk.

BY TAXI

Taxis are available from outside both arrival halls, although may be limited during peak travel times. Journey time is approx. 25 – 30 minutes and you can expect to pay between €30.00 – €35.00.

TRAM LINES

Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane is only 5 minutes' walk from the Spencer Dock Stop on the Luas red line. Trams depart every 10 minutes during peak times. For full details, fare options and times please visit <https://www.luas.ie/>

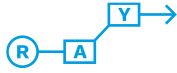
4. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION (REMINDER)

4.1. TIME ZONE

Dublin operates on Irish Standard Time (IST, UTC+1). During the Summit, Dublin will therefore be in UTC+1.

4.2. WEATHER

October is generally mild but changeable in Dublin. October is one of Ireland's wetter months, so rain is quite possible with some windy conditions, particularly around the coast and Docklands. Pack a waterproof or water-resistant jacket, jumper/cardigan or light layers, an umbrella as well as comfortable clothes and shoes.



4.3. TRAVEL ADAPTER

Ireland uses Type G electrical sockets in Ireland, the same three-pin plug used in the UK, so a type G travel adapter is necessary.

4.4. SOME IDEAS FOR FREE TIME

The hotel has a Club Vitae Health & Leisure Centre. Access to the fully equipped gym and 22-metre indoor swimming pool is complimentary for hotel guests.

The hotel's location is particularly good for participants who want to explore Dublin without needing much public transport. The hotel is right in the Docklands, with the Grand Canal and River Liffey immediately nearby. A walk around the Docklands is an easy option if participants only have an hour or two of free time. The hotel itself recommends exploring the Docklands on foot or by bike.

Places to visit nearby:

- The distinctive harp-shaped Samuel Beckett Bridge is only a few minutes' walk from the hotel and is a nice spot for photographs and a short riverside walk.
- Trinity College Dublin is approximately a 10-minute walk from the hotel, making it an easy option for participants interested in Irish history and architecture.
- For shopping, cafés and Dublin city-centre atmosphere, Grafton Street and St Stephen's Green Shopping Centre is approximately a 15–20-minute walk away. The area has high-street shops, cafés and department stores including Brown Thomas.
- Merrion Square Park is another good option for a quiet walk. It is one of Dublin's historic Georgian squares and has gardens, sculptures, and the famous Oscar Wilde statue.
- The National Museum of Ireland is a good free-time option, particularly if the weather is poor. Admission to the museum is free, and it has extensive collections covering Irish archaeology and history.
- The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre is literally across the road from the hotel, so participants can check what is showing during their stay if they are interested in an evening activity.
- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum is in the Docklands and focuses on the history of Irish emigration. It is a particularly good option for international participants looking to learn more about Ireland.

5. WHAT'S NEXT

DON'T FORGET...

... **to inform us about any changes regarding your arrival and departure immediately**

... to register for the youth-led walking tours by 9 October

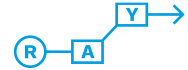
NATIONAL DELEGATIONS...

... Get in touch and exchange with other members of your national delegation.

SEE YOU..... soon in Dublin!

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).*

Emergency contacts (only between 21-24 October):

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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