

Research-based  
analysis of European  
youth programmes

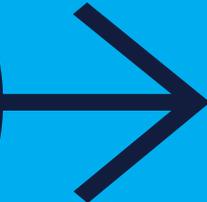


# INTRODUCING THE NETWORK

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**KEY FACTS ABOUT RAY**

**RAY was  
founded in  
2008 to support  
Erasmus+ Youth  
in Action.**

Each partner in RAY is a team of the National Agency of the European youth programmes in the country, along with one or several research partners.

**RAY started with 8 partners initially, and has grown over the past 15 years to now include 35 partners in 34 countries.**

**The network is coordinated by a team in Helsinki at the Finnish National Agency EDUFI, along with the transnational research team at Youth Policy Labs in Berlin, Germany.**

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# NETWORK-WIDE RESEARCH PROJECTS

## RAY MON

RAY MON is our network-wide project for the research-based analysis and monitoring of Erasmus+ Youth. Every two years, we survey around 25.000 project participants and project team members. Our findings contribute to the development of the Erasmus+ Youth Programme and the quality of its projects.

## RAY SOC

RAY SOC is our network-wide project for the research-based analysis and monitoring of the European Solidarity Corps. Every two years, we survey around 5.000 project participants and project team members. Our findings contribute to the development of the European Solidarity Corps and the quality of its projects.

## RAY STRAT

RAY STRAT is our network-wide research project on the contribution of the European youth programmes to programme- and sector-specific strategies on youth policy and youth work, including the European Youth Strategy, the European Youth Work Agenda, and the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy.



## UPCOMING THEMATIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

**RAY MISS** A research project on the effects of inequalities on access to and participation in the European youth programmes, exploring who is missing from the programmes and why.

## CURRENT THEMATIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

**RAY COMP** A research project on educational approaches to competence development & capacity building of youth workers & youth leaders in the European youth programmes.

**RAY DIGI** A research project on dimensions of digitalisation in the European youth programmes and on approaches to strengthen and support digital dimensions in youth work.

**RAY LEARN** A research project on strategies and practices for organisational development and learning of networks, organisations and teams in the European youth sector.

**RAY LTE II** A research project on the long-term effects of the European youth programmes on participation and citizenship – and our first longitudinal research project.

**RAY NPC** A research project to explore key aspects of collaboration projects with neighbouring partner countries in the context of the European youth programmes.

## PREVIOUS THEMATIC RESEARCH PROJECTS

**RAY CAP** A research project on competence development and capacity building of youth workers and youth leaders through support activities in Erasmus+ Youth in Action.

**RAY COR** A research project on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on youth work in Europe, including the European youth programmes, and the response of youth work.

**RAY INNO** A research project on the impact, and potential of strategic partnerships in Erasmus+ Youth in Action as instruments to foster innovation in the youth field.

**RAY LTE I** A research project on the long-term effects of the European youth programmes on participation and citizenship of project participants as well as project leaders.

**RAY PART** A research project on participation and citizenship education and learning in the European youth programmes, and the competences necessary to implement it well.







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National Agency of Austria – Agentur für Bildung und Internationalisierung (OeAD)

Research partners in Austria – Universität Innsbruck, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft



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Research partners in the Flemish Community – Odisee University of Applied Sciences



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National Agency of the French Community – Bureau International Jeunesse (BIJ)

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National Agency of Bulgaria – Human Resource Development Centre

Research partners in Bulgaria – Independent researchers



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Research partners in Croatia – Independent researchers



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Research partners in Cyprus – In-house at the National Agency



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Research partners in Denmark – Independent researchers



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# ESTONIA

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National Agency of Estonia – Erasmus+ ja Euroopa Solidaarsuskorpuse agentuuri noorteprogrammide keskus

Research partners in Estonia – Foundation Praxis Think Tank



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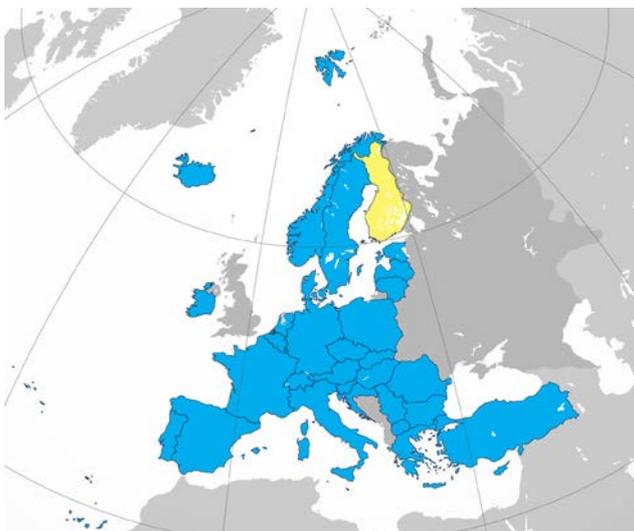


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Research partners in Finland – Youth Research and Development Centre Juvenia



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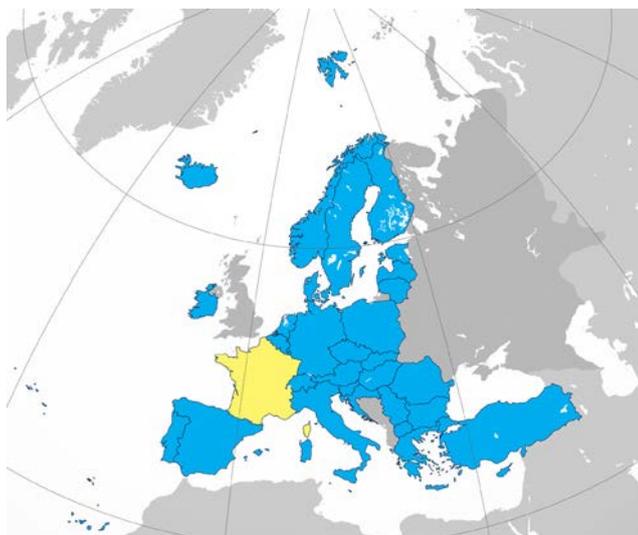


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National Agency of France – Agence française Erasmus+ Jeunesse et Sport

Research partners in France – In-house at the National Agency



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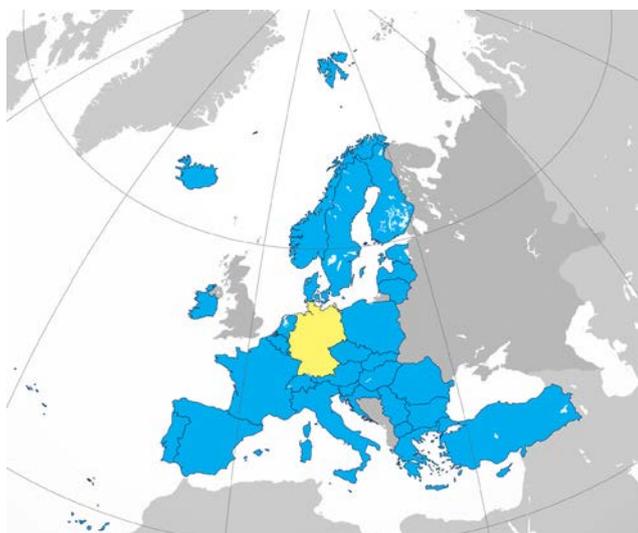
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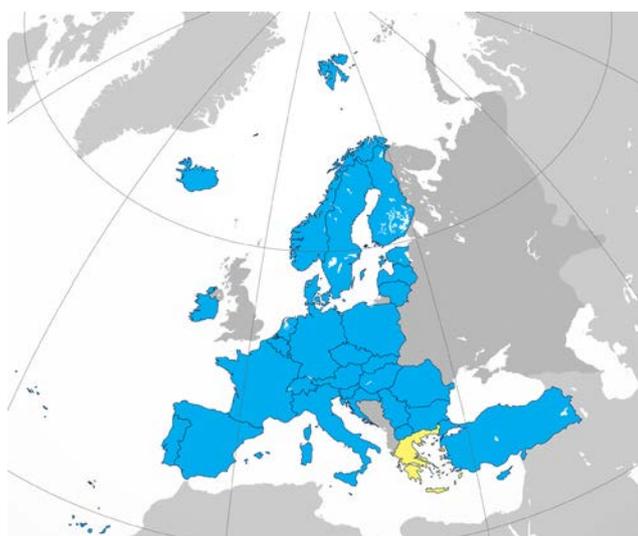
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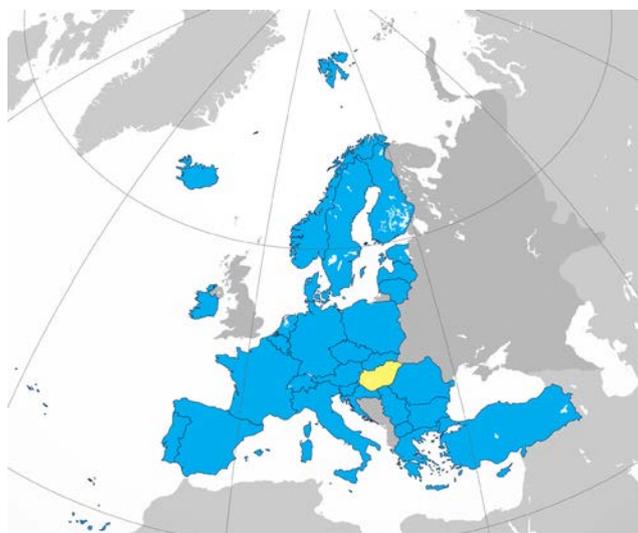
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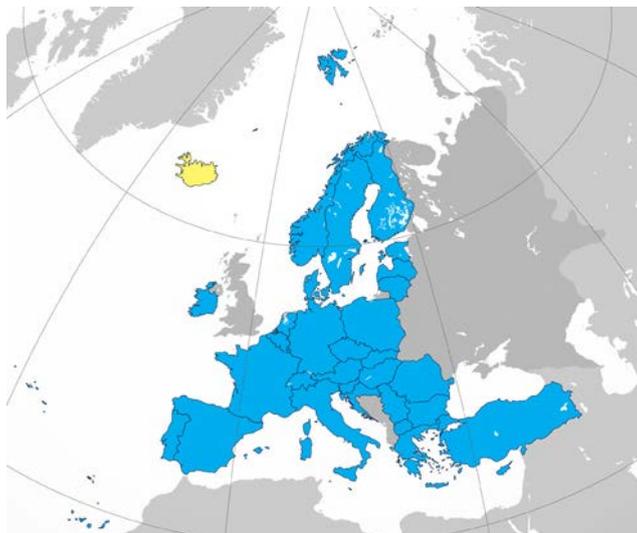
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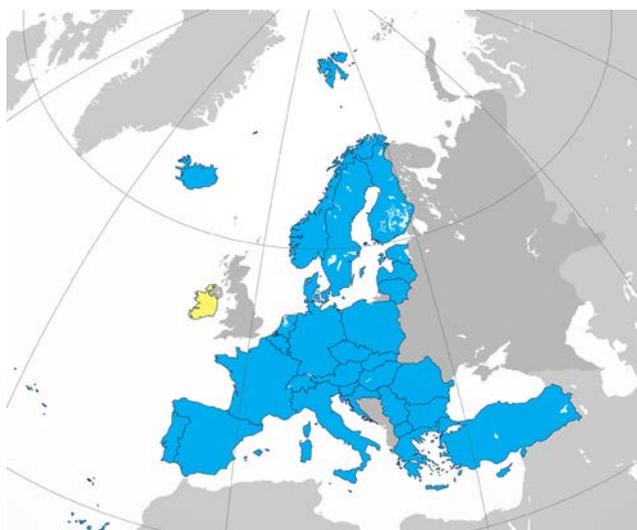
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National Agency of Latvia – Jaunatnes starptautisko programmu aģentūra(JSPA)

Research partners in Latvia – Laboratory of Analytical and Strategic Studies



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# LIECHTENSTEIN

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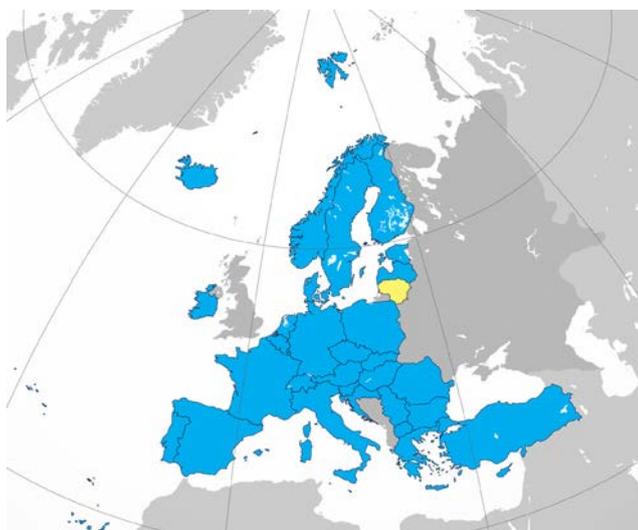
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Zentrum für Kindheits- und Jugendforschung



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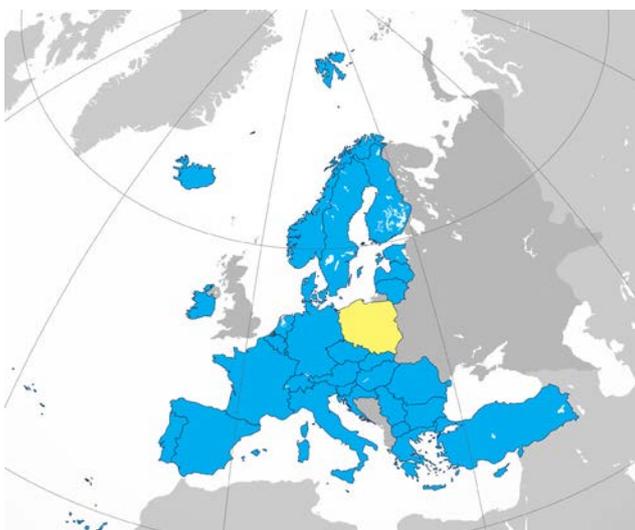
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Research partners in Poland – In-house at the National Agency



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# PORTUGAL

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Research partners in Portugal – Independent researchers



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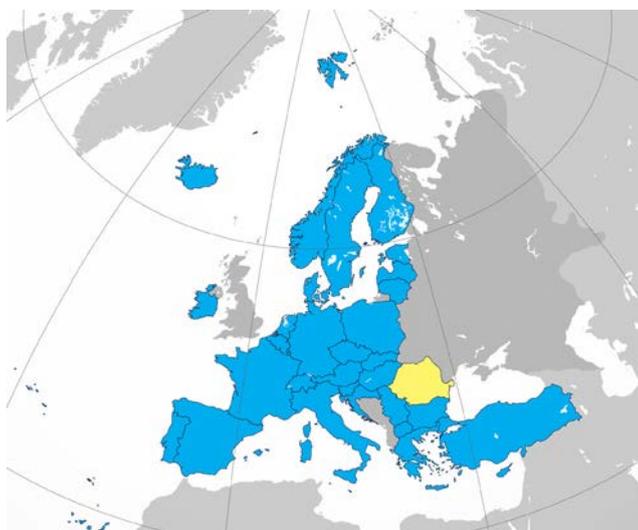
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National Agency of Romania – Agentia Nationala pentru Programe Comunitare in Domeniul Educatiei si Formarii Profesionale

Research partners in Romania – In-house at the National Agency



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Research partners in Slovakia – In-house at the National Agency



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Research partners in Slovenia – University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences



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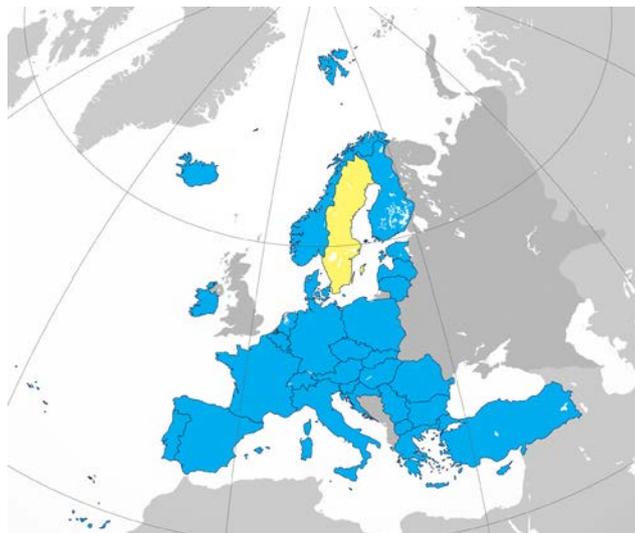
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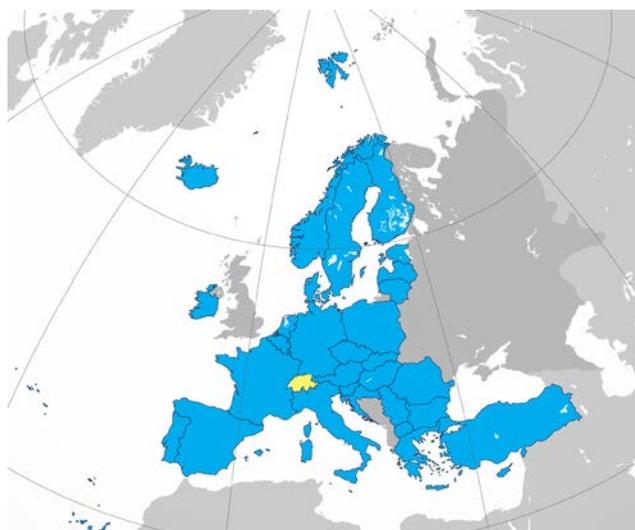
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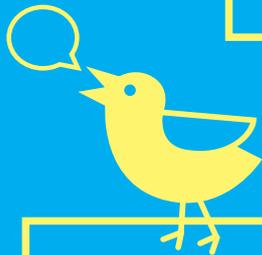
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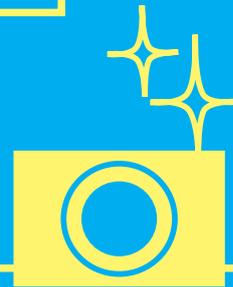
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