
RAY Triangular Summit

Youth Work and Youth Policy in a European Context beyond 2020

Research Evidence for Policy and Practice

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REPORT

Monday, 24 April 2017

Afternoon

Opening and Welcome

Welcome Words:

Birgit Klausser (Austrian Federal Ministry of Families and Youth),
Gerhard Moßhammer (Director NA Erasmus+: Youth in Action, Austria),
RAY Network co-chair persons: Irmeli Karhio (head of Finnish NA Erasmus+: Youth in Action)
& Ondrej Barta (researcher)
Helmut Fennes (coordination research RAY-network)

RAY Monitoring – results from 2009 – 2015/16

presentation of the main findings of the latest research cycle (2015/16) and what conclusions can be drawn comparing the data with results over the last decade [see Annex 1](#)

RAY and the Mid-Term-Analysis of the Programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action

Transnational Perspectives - Panel

Panel with experts involved in the Mid-Term-Analysis from the youth research-, practice-, and policy field: Christiane Meyers (researcher, LUX), Hendrik Otten (DE, researcher), Gerhard Moßhammer (NA Austria), Birgit Klausser (Austrian Federal Ministry of Families and Youth)

A few insights/quotations

NA Perspective: MidTerm Evaluation has been a topic at the NA business meeting; all heads of National Agencies for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme had the chance to exchange and

thus developed a common paper with recommendations. The usage of RAY data has been highly recommended; also, NAs were encouraged to take an active role within the process.

AT Ministry Perspective: The mid-term-analysis has been a chance to find out, what had been working well and what not. The results brought few surprises and many confirmations, esp. that the programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action contributes to many positive developments in the youth field. In AT the report from the Youth sector has been handed in in early 2017 so that the EC could consider recommendations when doing the first steps in planning the new youth programme period.

Researchers perspectives (DE and LUX): the mid-term-evaluation has been a good possibility for a sector related evaluation and to actually bring in youth related issues. Especially since there hasn't been a final evaluation of the former programme "Youth in Action". RAY data has served as a good basis for further qualitative investigations.

For the new programme it would be good to know the terms of the Mid-Term-Evaluation at the beginning of the new programme, in order to give accurate answers without too much effort.

Group Discussion

Having the outcomes of the panel discussion in mind, as well as the results of the transnational (and national) results of the RAY monitoring survey, all participants were asked to give recommendations for the current and future programme. A drafting committee clustered the recommendations. [see Annex 2](#)

Tuesday, 25. April 2017

Morning – Participation and Citizenship

Welcome Words [MEP Ulrike Lunacek](#) (video message)

Long Term Effects on Participation and Citizenship

Presentation of latest results of RAY Long Term Effects of Erasmus+: Youth in Action on Participation and Citizenship [see Annex 3](#)

Key Note Speech [MEP Eugen Freund](#): "Challenges for Participation and Active Citizenship in today's European Democracies"

[Brexit Poem](#)

[Brexit Poem on John Oliver Show](#) (05:37)

World Café: Participation and Citizenship. An informed discourse between research, policy and practice.

Summary of the World Café Outcomes

"What we would like to know:"

- Citizenship practice after E+: Youth in Action
 - Sustainable effects of E+: YiA
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- Effects of enthusiasm on citizenship
- Effects of E+: YiA on voting
- Reasons for non-participation in E+: Youth in Action
- Refugee participation in youth projects
- How does the structured dialogue contribute to citizenship?
- Reasons for non-participation in elections
- Reasons for non-participation (in democratic life) and how to reach these young people

“What we would like to say:”

- Do not underestimate „moderate“ change
- Focus research on youth empowerment and participation
- Involve young people in research
- Develop youth friendly research methods
- Research on structured dialogue (qualitative)
- Training of youth workers specifically on active citizenship

Afternoon – Capacity Building

Expert Input (Hanjo Schild): Youth Work Realities in Europe

Abstract [see Annex 4](#)

Presentation: Much to learn and much to do.

First findings on RAY Competence Development and Capacity Building in Erasmus+: Youth in Action.

[See Annex 5](#)

World Café: Youth Work in a European Context – present state and future perspectives of capacity building through Erasmus+: Youth in Actions

Summary of World Café Outcomes

What we know:

- Strongly resonates
- Confirms many experiences
- Seems relevant beyond European level at national as well as local level → sector phenomenon

What we would like to say:

- This has been stated/observed for a long time!
- Now that there is evidence: what do we do about it?

What we would like to know?

- Some research relevant questions: specifics, details
 - Some practice relevant questions – how to do better
 - Some policy relevant questions – change the framework
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