**RAY Triangular Summit**

**Youth Work and Youth Policy in a European Context beyond 2020**

**Research Evidence for Policy and Practice**

**Vienna, 24-26 April 2017**

**THE CONTEXT**

The RAY Triangular Summit ‘Youth Work and Youth Policy in a European Context beyond 2020: Research Evidence for Policy and Practice’ is organised by the network for the **‘Research-based Analysis of Youth in Action’ (RAY)** in the Framework of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme. The RAY Network was established in 2007 and involves research institutions, researchers and National Agencies of the European Union’s Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme across Europe. Aims of the RAY Network are to explore the effects of Youth in Action, in particular on young people, youth workers and youth leaders and other actors involved in projects funded by the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme.

For more information on the RAY Network please go to [www.researchyouth.eu](http://www.researchyouth.eu)

**THE PURPOSE**

The conference will present the latest research findings of the Network as a starting point for an informed discourse on how these findings can contribute to youth work practice and youth policy development.

A comparison of survey data collected from 2009 onwards gives insight into the development of the programme impacts over the last decade. This as well as results from the national Mid-Term-Evaluations (MTE) allows to draw conclusions for the implementation for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme. Further, results of the research into capacity building in youth work through the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme contributes to a discussion on the youth practice at European level.

A thematic emphasis shall be put on two of the key pillars of the programme: active participation and citizenship of young people in Europe. An open discourse among experts from the European youth policy field shall lead to recommendations on the next programme period development.

**THE PARTICIPANTS**

The conference will bring together around 100 researchers, practitioners and policymakers in the field of international learning mobility from all over Europe focusing on youth, youth work and youth policy.

**Invited are**, in particular, researchers with an interest in a themes such as learning mobility, youth studies or intergenerational studies; representatives of the Pool of European Youth Researchers; practitioners in the field of European youth work; representatives of European youth organisations; National Agencies of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme; representatives of National Youth Authorities; members of the Erasmus+ Programme Committee and the EU Youth Working Party; and representatives of the European Union, the Council of Europe and the Youth Partnership, representatives of the European Platform on Learning Mobility as well as other interested European institutions.

**THE DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 24 April 2017**

Monday morning time reserved for RAY Working Group meetings (t.b.d.)

10:00 Start of registration for the Summit

12:30 Lunch in the restaurant of the venue

14:00 Opening and Welcome

14:15 “Much to be proud of”  
RAY Monitoring – results from 2009 – 2015/16: what are the main findings of the latest research cycle (2015/16) and what conclusions can be drawn from the research results over the last decade

16:00 Coffee

16:30 RAY and the Mid-Term-Analysis of the Programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action – national and transnational perspectives

19:00 Dinner at the Venue

**Tuesday, 25. April 2017**

09:30 Keynote (MEP – tba): ‘Challenges for participation and active citizenship in today’s European democracies’ (working title)

10:30 Participation and Citizenship through Erasmus+: Youth in Action. An informed discourse between research, policy and practice

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Youth Work in a European Context – present state and future perspectives of capacity building through Erasmus+: Youth in Action

17:00 Guided Tour of Vienna and Dinner Out

**Wednesday, 26. April 2017**

09:00 RAY Network business meeting

11:00 Coffee

11:30 RAY Network business meeting  
 Conclusions, Closure

13:00 Lunch

14:30 RAY Working Group Meetings (t.b.d.)