



ROM-UP! The inclusion of Roma through quality successful educational experiences

**Minutes: 3rd Quality Evaluation Group meeting
February 6, 2012
Campus Mundet, University of Barcelona**

The third meeting of the Quality Evaluation Group took place on February 6th, 2013 in Mundet Campus of the University of Barcelona from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was attended by the following members of the Quality Evaluation Group: Fernando Macias, Mariana Torres and Alfredo Reyes. It was not possible to have the presence of Veronica Vargas, Juan Jose Gomez, Belinda Siles, Sara Ortega and Teresa Sordé who were excused.

The issues discussed at this meeting, as indicated on the agenda, were the Electronic Guide, the International Romani Network, the Permanent Observatory and the Final Conference. The meeting began with a brief explanation of the Electronic Guide and the International Romani Network. And then some questions were introduced to start the dialogue and debate in order to get proposals and suggestions that help to improve the performance of each of the elements presented.

Regarding the electronic guide, all members agreed on the importance that this guide should also reach families, both for them to know this information as well as for them to request the application of the successful educational experiences and quality described in the guide for the schools where their children attend. They also agreed on the need for this guide to reach educational responsible of school, technical advisors, head teachers and faculty, due to their position and relationship with the education of Roma children. And finally, they considered appropriate that this guide also reaches religious representatives and their churches, due to the large number of Roma who get together in these spaces.

Also during this debate, the participants point out that sending the guide does not guarantee their use and nor its implementation. In this sense, it is necessary to sensitize educational leaders involved in the education of Roma children, because they have a privileged position to implement (or not) successful educational actions.

Regarding the International Romani Network, on the meeting it was proposed some issues to open initial discussions:

- Roma Family and Education
- Religion (Church) and education
- Roma women and education
- What future should uneducated Roma expect?



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- The market and education.

They also suggested the need that members of Quality Evaluation Groups and Roma Association should participate in this network because they could promote participation (temporarily or continuously) of their members and people who come to those. They also noted the important contribution that professionals involved with the inclusion of Roma people could do if they share in this network the knowledge and information that they have acquired.

Concerning the Permanent Observatory, the present members of the Quality Evaluation Group expressed their consent to be part of the Permanent Observatory. However, they indicated that it would be necessary to guarantee the cost of the transport and other expenses that may arise from the meetings from the people who integrate the observatory. The reason is that some members might not have many resources but their opinions are relevant to ensuring quality of the contributions of the observatory.

Regarding the composition of the Observatory, the members expressed that it should have the same profile composition like QEG (4 non-academic Roma, 2 teachers and 2 Researchers). However, the members proposed adding an unmarried young Roma (a girl, "*moza*") and also to increase the number of people if it's necessary, but respecting the composition of the group (60% non academic Roma Professionals + 20% Education Professionals + 20% Researchers). As for the coordination of Permanent Observatory, they suggested that it was the Drom, with collaboration of CREA (which as a research centre would be responsible for ensuring the quality of the content and operation of the Permanent Observatory). However, it should be noted that the decision of the observatory coordination was decided to be postponed until the last meeting, in which is expected more attendance of the observatory members.

Finally, the Final Conference was presented. The members agreed that the Roma associations should be there, grassroots Roma people who wanted to attend and also those involved in professional education. In this sense, they pointed out that dissemination should reach all Roma associations and they suggested to counting for this on FAGIC, on communicating the information. They indicated, to promote the event in the religious centres, in schools, colleges and for professional people dedicated to education.