



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

**Minutes: 4th Quality Evaluation Group meeting
April 19, 2013
La Verneda-Sant Martí School. Barcelona**

The fourth meeting of the Quality Evaluation Group took place on 19th April, 2013, in La Verneda-Sant Martí School (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, Teresa Sordé, Sara Ortega and Belinda Siles. It was not possible to count with the presence of Veronica Vargas, Juan Jose Gomez and Alfredo Reyes, who excused themselves.

The issues discussed at the meeting, as indicated on the agenda, were the Final Conference, the Permanent Observatory and the evaluation of the ROM UP! Project. The meeting began with a brief description of the tasks done by the group up to the present and of the outcomes and impact of the Final Conference. Then, some questions were introduced to start the dialogue and debate and to get proposals and suggestions that help to evaluate the Final Conference.

Regarding the Final Conference, all members praised the great organization of the event. However, it was highlighted that in the first part of the conference, more concretely in the presentation of successful experiences, some partners exceeded their time and that made it difficult to fully understand some experiences. Likewise, it was suggested that more time should have been allocated to other experiences, which could not be correctly understood due to the limited time available for their explanation. Finally, the presence of important representatives of the public administration during the conference was valued very positively. Their presence would not have been possible if the public administration (Department of Social Welfare and Family) had not undertaken to organize the event.

After the debate, the members of the group made some decisions concerning pending issues related to the Permanent Observatory. As in the previous meeting the members of the Quality Evaluation Group had agreed to be part of the Permanent Observatory, it was decided that, finally, the list of the initial members of this observatory will be the following:

- Non Academic Roma
 - Mariana Torres
 - Alfredo Reyes
- Researchers
 - Teresa Sordé
 - Fernando Macías
- Teachers and Education professionals
 - Sara Ortega



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

- Belinda Siles

Regarding the composition of the Observatory, the members expressed that it should have the same profile composition as QEG (4 non-academic Roma, 2 teachers and 2 researchers). As there are currently only two non-academic Roma members confirmed, the coordinator of the Observatory will have to complete the list of members by engaging two more non-academic Roma people. These new people could be two unmarried young Roma (a girl, “*moza*”, and a boy “*mozo*”) or have another profile that the coordinators of the Observatory consider relevant.

In regards the coordination of the Permanent Observatory, the QEG finally decided that the association entrusted with this coordination will be the Drom Kotar Mestipen, in collaboration with the Centre of Research CREA, which will ensure the quality of the content and the operation of the Permanent Observatory.

Finally, the group did a global evaluation of the project and its results. One of the issues that the group pointed out was the need of disseminating the results to the greatest number of centres and organizations possible. In regards the International Roma Network, the members of the group insisted on the importance of making every effort to count with people with very different profiles, so as to exchange experiences and preoccupations. Finally, all the members highlighted the excellent organization of the project, as well as the quality and the scientific and ethic rigor of the results.