Project aim:

✓ to improve the retention and achievement rate
✓ to increase the number of Roma with completed secondary education
✓ to improve the transition rate of Roma students from secondary to tertiary education.

Main intervening components:

- to provide Roma secondary school students with financial support
- to provide Roma secondary school students with school-based mentorship support
• The scholarship opportunity was open to all first year students as well as to the 3rd and 4th year students with a minimum of 3.5 GPA achieved in the previous school year

• Scholarships were awarded to a total of 657 Roma secondary school students (out of 954 applicants)

• 149 out of 631 high school teachers from 78 secondary schools (from 25 towns) were selected to be students’ mentors (with mentor: students ratio = 1:5 on the average)
GPA by gender

Average GPA 3.7
General progress achievement overview

- Average GPA 3.7
- 1464 Scholarship followed by mentorship support to 657 students from all over Macedonia (25 cities)
- Pool of trained mentors

- Average retention rate 98%
- Average absences
  - Excused 59.8
  - Non-excused 9.3

- Transition to university education – 88 students
- REF scholarship tertiary education
- Romaversitas
## 2009/10 - Under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES)

- Scholarship program owner/co-financer
- In charge of the overall management and coordination
- Provide support to 1606 (1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} graders)
  - Scholarship support; mentoring and tutoring

### Challenging transition!!!

- Know-how transfer
- Develop monitoring and evaluation system
- Human resources
- Sound tracking system (database) in place
Brief information

- Tutors
- Mentors
- Scholarship (GPA 3.0-3.49)
- Scholarship (GPA 3.5-5.0)

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