



# Decade of Roma Inclusion 20<sup>th</sup> International Steering Committee Meeting

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## ***Alliance for inclusion of Roma in education (2005/06-2008/09)***

### **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



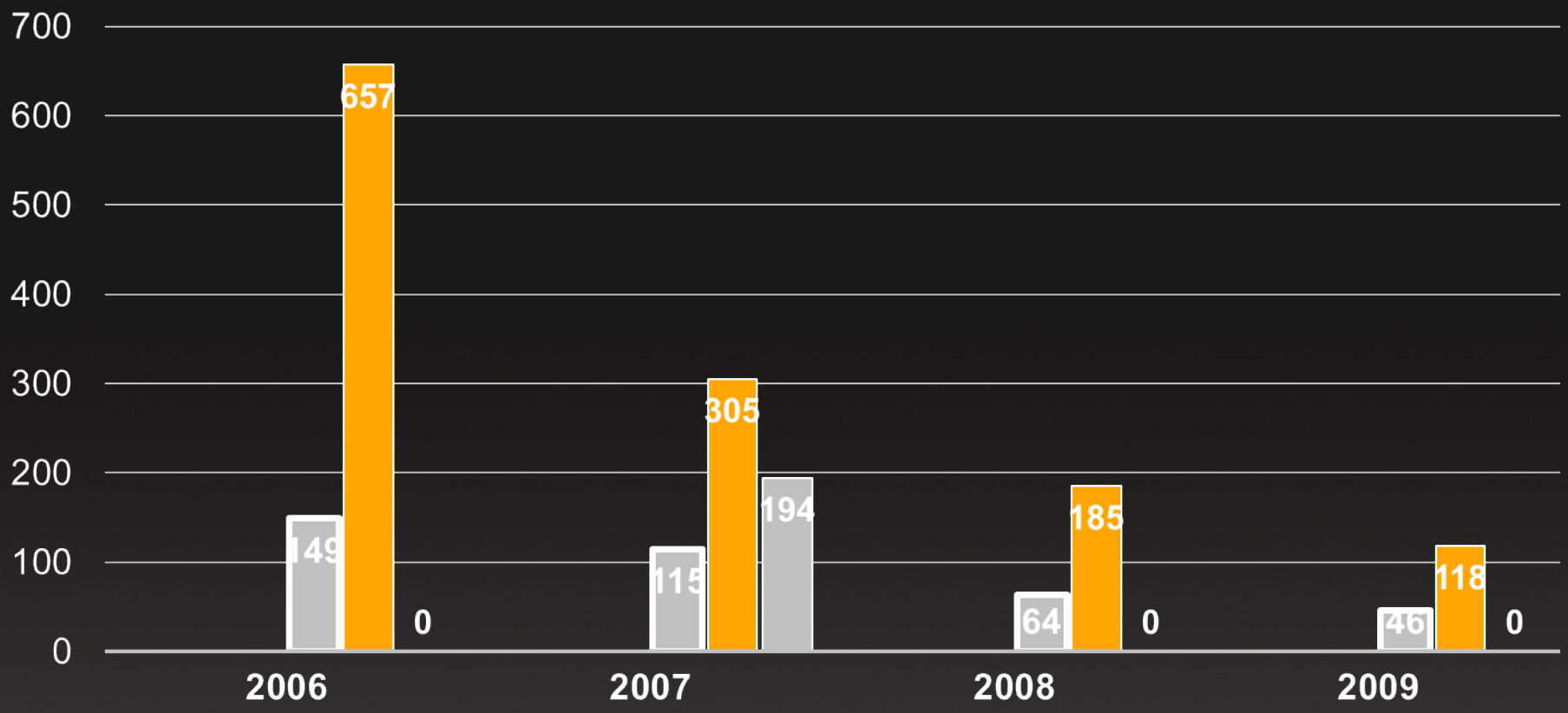
- Scholarships were awarded to a total of 657 Roma secondary school students (out of 954 applicants)



- 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)



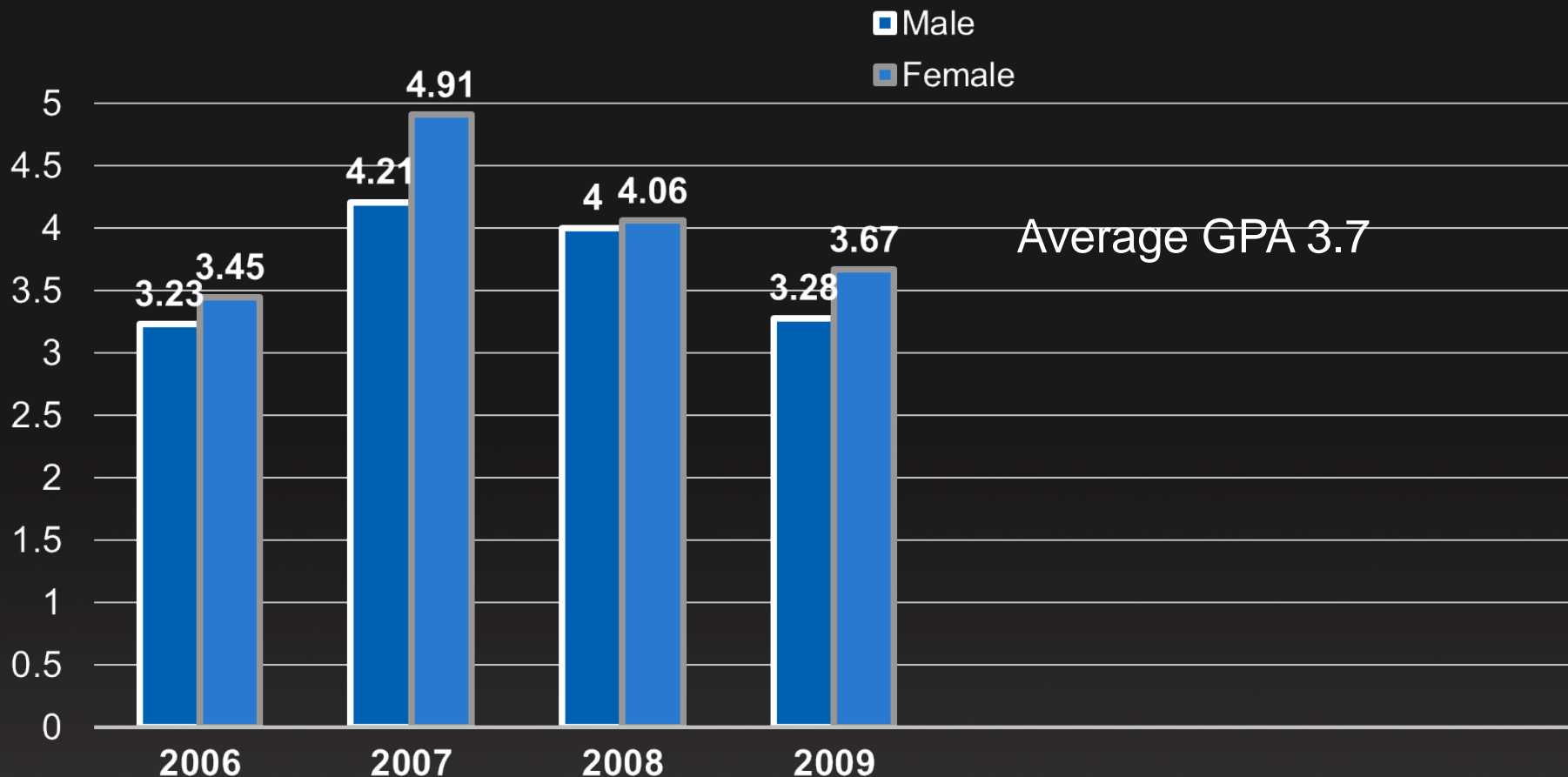
■ ■ ■ ■ Mentors ■ Full Scholarship ■ Partial scholarship



# Awarded scholarships by gender and school grade



# GPA by gender



# 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<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders)
  - Scholarship support; mentoring and tutoring



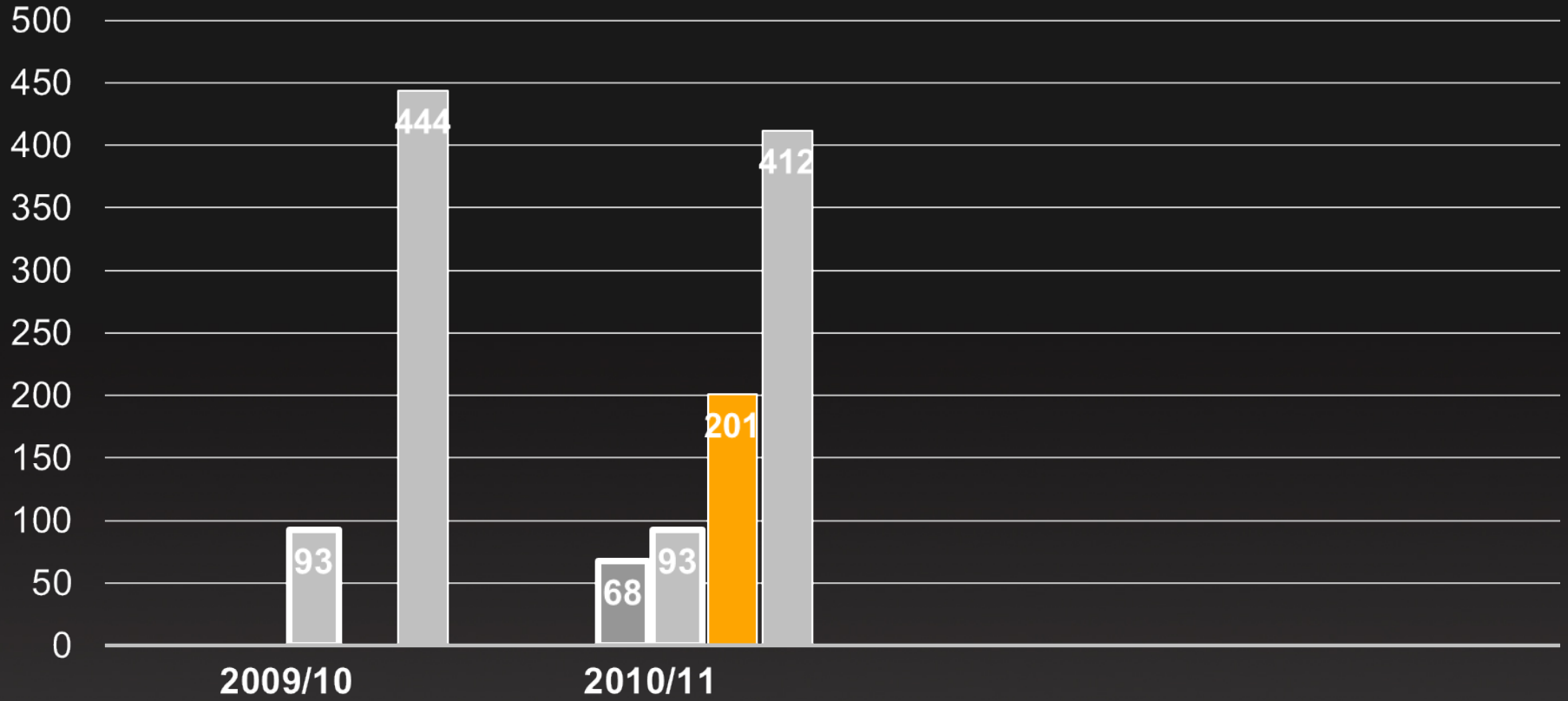
### ***Challenging transition!!!***

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

# Brief information



■ Tutors ■ Mentors ■ Scholarship (GPA 3-3.49) ■ Scholarship (GPA 3.5-5)





# Do You Have Any Questions?

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