ROMAN ROADS

Within the general context of “travel”, we find there is a weed to aproach the relationship between historical facts and geographical features and the phisical structures wich had made it posible for people to move in space along european history,

To do so, focusing focusing on the road net built by the Roman Empire is esential. Tthe importance or roman roads in History has only been outtaken in modern times by new means of transport. Besides, most European urban locations have their origins in then, particularly the ones inland.

Thus, Roman roads, apart from their original military use, provide the backbone for European communications within the old Roman Empire territory.

This fact is the common reference for all those partners who take part in this Progarmme, as our four educational centres are located witin the Roman Empire limits and therefore, they are related to this ancient road net.. This way, all of the participants can develop this activity, wich clearly highlights one of the common links in Europen Historical Geography.

By means of historical investigation we aim at a general approach, adapted to the age and knowledge of the partcipants, to the Roman roads net and a more detailed knowledge of the Roman roads wich are closer to the participating centres, so that we can see their specific situation , as well as their state of preservation nowdays and getting to know these elements of communication.

This idea is based on a basic historical approach. The teacher in charge is to lead the activities directing at, firstly the basic knowledge of a Roman road from a histotiography point of view so that the participants could master the characteristics of its outline and general conditions.

Then, the nearest Roman road gets the most attention on a double loan, bibliographical, according to the Antonino Ittinerary and documents accesible for the participants; and on the field, consisting in identifiying “in situ” a pece or Roman road by archeological evidence on site.

Once these factors of study, prospection and documentation have been fullfilled a report is to be done, free format. This will be the base for the activity exposition as well as the product generated by the work wich has been undertaken.