

## FEED BACK on ELTAs Meeting at the British Council – 12th February 2010

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First of all, I would like to thank the BC representatives and meeting organisers for their kind invitation. We were delighted to attend and will certainly be regular attendants for future dates.

For us in GRETA, it was an unpaired opportunity to actually put faces to names and really find out what other associations do and how they do it. It was also extremely useful for us to state what our role and our position is, as part of the bigger picture of TAs in the peninsula.

Besides all that, it was incredibly rewarding to confirm the fact that TAs are in good health and willing to go a step forward in achieving the aims we all consider relevant for the purpose of our associations.

Specially, I find singularly important that the BC has undertaken the leading role and presented the TAs with an unprecedented and very profitable line of work; the main aim of this all being, ensuring teacher practice quality and providing for teacher training needs.

I am sure, as we all agreed during our meeting, that it should be the TAs first endeavour to offer ESL teachers the best possible choice of recognised training, according to their needs, and that that will only be possible if TAs make a common effort to identify those needs.

To channel resources and offers through the TAs is the way to make them essential for members and help them thrive. But in exchange, the survival of TAs will bridge the gap between officially regulated teacher formation and teaching practice.

In my opinion, the proposal made by the BC regarding a common framework for teacher training in the peninsula is very attractive, as it caters for a large variety of needs, it is clearly outlined and will have enough entity to be taken as a serious proposal by the Ministry of Education in Madrid.

What I believe we need to do now, is to settle the outlines down into concrete proposals and sit and talk about the way in which all this is going to be channelled out through the TAs.

GRETA is definitely for it!  
Thank you.

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