



## Building Bridges and Opening Doors

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**WELCOME**

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- ❑ Context: High youth unemployment; persistent long term unemployment; skills shortages; changing labour markets.
- ❑ Significant Global and EU interest in HVET/Level 5 Qualifications – Commission, UNESCO, Cedefop, OECD
- ❑ Role of Level 5 qualifications?
- ❑ Developing the Community.

# SOME KEY ISSUES

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- ❑ *Variable interventions by governments at level 5;*
- ❑ *Local tertiary eco or subsystems – how do they work for the learner/employer;*
- ❑ *Regulatory tools and techniques in level 5 ‘systems’;*
- ❑ *Public/private partnerships; role of professional/occupational associations;*

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- ❑ *Financing models for programmes and systems – VET and HE? Loans?*
  - ❑ *In many countries, the connections/permeability/progression between Apprenticeships, CVET and H/VET and HE/PHE is weak;*
  - ❑ *Level 5/lifelong learning and labour market demand; relationship between qualifications and the labour market is not fully understood.*

# CHAIN5

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- ✘ The mission of CHAIN5 is to increase the quantity, quality and visibility of EQF level 5 qualifications across all European Union countries.
- ✘ And to build bridges between national regulatory agencies, associations and institutions involved in EQF levels 4-5-6.

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- ✘ Success will be achieved during this conference if we can establish a more efficient and user-friendly platform for members to obtain and exchange information and practice on the future development of level 5 education.
  - ✘ We need to establish expert communities or task forces among our members to offer advice and expertise on core topics related to EQF level 5.



# SETTING THE SCENE



- ✘ A short introduction...
- ✘ Having the workshops...
- ✘ And tomorrow the discussion about 'what can CHAIN5 do for YOU' →

# THE AIM OF THE SET-UP FOR THIS CONFERENCE

- ✘ The aim of the conference is two-folded:
  - As Steering Group we have to keep in mind the mission and vision, and the position paper
- ✘ But:
  - You have to tell us what we can do for you as member of CHAIN5
  - We are representing you, so... what is important for you?
- ✘ Knowin that:
  - As SG we have our networks at the international level.
  - You have your own national and regional networks.
- ✘ How to link them to each other... having CHAIN5 as THE community of practice for level 5.

# WORKSHOPS: THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS

- ✘ This seminar is meant for collecting (harvesting) your ideas, your 'problems', your themes...
- ✘ The workshops in the first two rounds are examples of what is going on in member states, looking at the Level 5 Area
- ✘ Question for you as participants: Are those topics interesting for you? Or just some aspects of them? Give your feedback.
- ✘ And don't hesitate to add similar topics (now or later), knowing that there is a need for sharing experiences and good practices in more countries  
Those topics and themes are the **bricks for building bridges** for CHAIN5, to build a strong community

# THE THIRD ROUND

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- ✘ The third round tomorrow:
  - Focus on the strategy at the national and the European level
  - How to put your ‘bricks’ on the right tables of the policy builders of bridges: EC, DG E VET4EU2, Cedefop and other partners which are willing to help and support us.
- ✘ So we can open the right **doors** at certain levels to help members by using a successful strategy in their own situation – based on the input from other members.
- ✘ So: CHAIN5 as THE community of practice

# FINAL PART OF THE CONFERENCE

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- ✘ And at the end of the conference:
  - discussion about 'how to link it all'..
- ✘ We will present a structure:
  - using experts
  - having working groups
  - regional workshops
- ✘ Using also:
  - website
  - newsletters
- ✘ So: tomorrow will be the first day of the future →