



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

14-15 MARCH 2019
(PRE-CONFERENCE ON 13 MARCH)

COMO, ITALY

MAKING THE EUROPEAN LEVEL 5 AREA A REALITY

The Programme & Practical Issues

➤ Introduction

In about three months there will be the Annual Conference of CHAIN5, in the Italian Como. By now, quite a few people have already registered, also with contributions to the program from various countries and perspectives. It promises to be an interesting example of how CHAIN5 can act as a 'European Community of Practice' for all types of qualifications of the European Level 5 Area. The learning pathways that make use of one or more qualifications at level 5 of the EQF (or the comparable national level) can become more and more flexible in this way, and that will be extremely important in this time in which lifelong learning is getting higher and higher on the agenda. In this issue we provide information about:

- The sessions during the conference when it comes to the format
- The program as it looks at this moment
- Practical information
- The invoices
- How you can register, if you still want to do that, and schedule it. Welcome!

➤ Sessions

On the basis of the proposals that were made for taking care of a workshop, a session in a small group or a contribution in another form, a small work group within CHAIN5 went to work to fit them into the program. The idea is to be as practical as possible, in an interactive way. In addition, during a session information about a particular theme or development can be given, leading to discussions and sharing experiences that may also be useful in other situations and countries.

Subsequently, aspects of the theme that lend themselves to setting up a working group under the umbrella of CHAIN5 will be examined, so that our members can be of service in the near future with further activities.

In the last week of February, the themes and developments that will be given a place in Como in the program will be announced. The format for the sessions in which they will be discussed will also be explained. That means that on that basis the participants can make their choices.

➤ **Programme**

Here the programme as we have in mind, based on the input from our members and experts

Pre-conference programme 13 March

- Wednesday 13 March – from 10:00 till 16:30
- Visiting Level 5 Colleges in the Como region
- Cultural activity in the afternoon
- Including coffee breaks and lunch
- Registration: See at the end, together with the registration for the conference
- Pick-up by bus from the premises of Cometa, and then there will be pick-up places in Como. Information about the times and the places will be provided in the beginning of March.

Thursday morning 14 March

10:00 – 11:30 Meeting of the Executive Committee of CHAIN5 (also open for members)
The agenda will be published at the end of February

Thursday afternoon 14 March

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch buffet + registration (already possible from 11.00)

13:00 – 13:30 Opening session – welcome

13:30 – 14:10 Keynote – The Future of the European Level 5 Area & the role of CHAIN5
Hans Daale, CHAIN5

14:10 – 14:25 Short pitches about national challenges, looking at the National Level 5 Area

14:25 – 14:45 Coffee break

14:45 – 17:00 Sessions

19:00 – 22:30 Dinner in Como, Palace Hotel

Friday 15 March

08:15 – 09:00 Registration second day

09:00 – 09:30 Keynote – Level 5 and the world of work
Alex Keys, QQI, Ireland

09:30 – 09:40 Information about the workshops and the sessions – the aims...

09:40 – 10:40 Sessions

10:40 – 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 – 12:00 Sessions

12:00 – 12:30 Keynote: Level 5 in Europe, seen from the European perspective
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (European Commission)

12:30 – 13:20 Lunch buffet

13.20 – 14:15 Plenary session – identifying the most relevant themes for the EL5A – and for CHAIN5

14:15 – 14:30 Closing of the conference – announcement of the next events (annual conference in 2020 and a thematic seminar in November 2019)

'After session':

14:45 – 15:30 Session with participants interested in taking part in the thematic teams – presentation of a work-programme – and a follow-up for the team-leaders...

➤ Practical information

1. Venue: Premises of Cometa, Como, Italy - website of Cometa: www.puntocometa.org
Google Maps:
<https://www.google.nl/maps/place/Associazione+Cometa/@45.7906606,9.0780098,14z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x47869c2211b0a0c3:0x75cdc891dbba46e9!8m2!3d45.7906602!4d9.0955193>
2. There are enough hotels and apartments in Como, near Cometa and in the centre. Cometa has asked a number of hotels to have special prices for the participants in the conference, for the period 13-15 March – by booking before the 18th of January 2019:
Palace Hotel : Camera Dus classic € 140,00 per night BB.
Taxes: € 1,25 per person per night.
(The conference dinner will be in this hotel)
Hotel Barchetta: Camera Dus € 110,00 per night BB.
Taxes: € 1,25 per person per night.
If you book a room, mention the code 'Cometa Chain5'.
Of course you can book a room yourself by using booking.com or other websites, in the center of Como (near the harbour) or near the premises of Cometa.
3. Transport during the conference:
Er zal tijdens de conferentie een bus rijden tussen de haven van Como, dus bij het meer, en het gebouw van Cometa. Voor de conferentie zal bij het definitieve programma ook informatie over het schema voor de bus worden verstrekt.
4. Costs for you (excl. VAT):
 - Conference fee: The fee for the seminar is based on the country of the participant:
 - Italy, United Kingdom, France, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Malta, Sweden, Finland, The Netherlands and other countries in the Western and Northern part of Europe, not mentioned below:
175 Euro
 - Estonia, Latvia, Greece, Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Portugal, Czech Republic, and other countries in the Eastern or Southern part of Europe, not mentioned below:
125 Euro
 - Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and other countries not mentioned above:
90 Euro.
 - Dinner incl. drinks: 45 euro
 - Social programme: 40 euro
5. Transport to the premises of Cometo
 - The best way is to fly to one of the airports of Milan.
 - From there, the cheapest way to travel from an airport to Como is to use public transport. Of course you can take a taxi (as a group) or rent a car.
 - In the next newsletter we will give information about 'how to get from Milan to Como'.

➤ Invoice

The invoices will be sent from 15 January, based on the information that has been submitted by the participant.

IF YOU WANT TO BE THERE... THERE ARE SOME PLACES LEFT...

Send an e-mail to info@leido.nl with the following information:

- Name
- Organisation
- Country
- Position
- E-mail address
- Participation in the pre-conference (13 March): yes / no
- Dinner: yes / no (if yes, indicate if you have special dietary requirements).