

AFTER THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

COMO, ITALY

MAKING THE EUROPEAN LEVEL 5 AREA A REALITY

Introduction

The Annual Conference of 2019 in Como was really a success. Almost 90 members from 14 countries of our community joined us in Italy and enjoyed the warm hospitality of Cometa and ITHA.

On Wednesday 55 of them participated in the social programme, learning more about the role of the Higher Vocational Institutes in Italy, and getting an inside view of ComoNext, an innovation centre, being very important for the region.

On Thursday and Friday the programme has been very interactive, having a lot of workshops and sessions, combined with inspiring key-notes about specific issues. Based on this we are able to go on with a number of interesting themes for our community of practice...

In this newsletter we will give you as participant in the conference specific information about the photos and presentations, the working groups and the next activities.

As mentioned in Como, the next annual conference will be in Tallinn, 11/12/13 March 2020. We hope to see you and a lot of other colleagues there, to 'make the European level 5 even more a reality' by using CHAIN5 as a real community of practice!

Photos and presentations

We'd like to share with you all the photos and presentations from those days.

- Photos are stored at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/6cf5gPXcN3DiEegUA>
Please feel free to add your photos.
- The presentations can be found on www.chain5.net/activities (not yet all of them, so keep an eye on that, in the coming week)
- The LinkedIn group CHAIN5 <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8254550/>
Please follow the link and send a request to be part of this group. And of course your colleagues can also be part of the community...

Thematic Working Groups

In Como we have been able to start already with seven working groups, as result of the workshops and the sessions. Each group is going to work on a specific theme and will present the outcomes, ideas and plans during the next year's conference in Tallinn.

Below you will find an overview of these groups, with the relevant theme and the names of those who have indicated that they will take part in a group. The e-mail address of the chair is given, so that questions, comments and suggestions can be passed on through him or her.

If you want to join one of the working groups, please feel free to contact the chair of the group. He or she can you tell also more about the theme, and the first agreements that have been made about the next activities and the way of communicating with each other (but in one of the next general newsletters we will provide also more information about those themes).

1. **Internationalization and level 5 qualifications**
Nina Spithost - nina.spithost@stenden.com
2. **Non formal and formal education - and Learning Pathways**
Herman den Heeten - processcoach@live.com
3. **The role of the workplace in level 5 qualifications (work-based and dual education)**
Eric Aldewereld (co-chair: Mariette Muris) - eric@aldewereld.nl
4. **Curriculum design & Assessments**
Peter Callens - petercallens@vspw.be
5. **Re-structuring and re-defining level 5
(based on Estonia, and then looking at other national situations)**
Triin Laasi - Triin.laasi@tmk.edu.ee
6. **Exchange of students – exploring the needs for curricula to make it possible**
Tom Vervuren - a.c.p.vervuren@hr.nl
7. **National Platforms for level 5 - and international cooperation on specific issues**
Hans Daale - daale@chain5.net

The working groups can share their plans on LinkedIn.

Annual Conference 2020

The next Annual Conference of CHAIN5 will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, 12-13 March, including a social programme on Wednesday 11 March. We're looking forward to this event, meeting you again and having even more other colleagues and experts involved in issues related to level 5 of the EQF. It will an opportunity to show 'the world' that we have a vibrant community...

Other events

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There will be a conference in Malta on 9-10 December 2019 on the connection between the overall system for more vocational and professional oriented education at the higher levels of the EQF – like Higher VET - and the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). This can be relevant for national systems, to discuss progression routes and permeability between these sectors. The conference will be organized by EfVET (www.efvet.org) and CHAIN5, and hosted by MCAST in Malta.

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Just a long time to go, but in October 2020 the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) will have its two-annual conference. It will take place in San Sebastian, Basque Country. CHAIN5 has been asked to be a co-organiser. This event will give us the opportunity to share our themes and thoughts about level 5 in Europe with organisations in other parts of the world (see: www.wfcp.org).

In the next general newsletters we will inform you about these and also other events (we have big plans) and how to participate in them – and in what way you can make a contribution.

Evaluation

We'd like to learn and to know more about how you felt about the conference. Do you have any feedback for the organization, communication, themes, speakers and/or the, social event on Wednesday... Please let us know (info@chain5.net).

More issues and topics...

We are more than interested in issues or topics you'd be interested in. Do you have any suggestions for keynotes, workshops and so on for a specific seminar, the next conference or workshops (also looking at the thematic groups)? Please let us know (info@chain5.net).

Give also a brief explanation, possibly with suggestions for how to get started (and perhaps your own role in this...). And then we will come back to you a.s.a.p.