

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE... FOR YOU

MARCH 12-13, 2019
(SOCIAL PROGRAMME ON MARCH 11)

TALLINN, ESTONIA
Tallinna Majanduskool



Introduction

As you could read in the previous newsletter, preparations have been started for the 6th Annual Conference as CHAIN5. Compared to many other organizations, associations and networks, we are a 'young community of practice'. But since the use of a 'Level 5 Area' in the international and national context is receiving increasing attention and given the connections that exist with all kinds of sectors, we can conclude that the Annual Conference also has more participants every year. That is good news for everyone who is involved in 'level 5' in one way or another, in HE, VET, VPE, Business and Personal Training, etc.

In this newsletter you will find the updated program, more background information about relevant themes for the conference and some extra practical details.



Come to **Tallinn**...

Make a proposal for a workshop about what concerns you about level 5, and what can be inspiring for the work of your international colleagues...

How to register for the conference

If you are interested in participating in the Annual Conference, you can now register for this event. You can send an e-mail to tallinn@chain5.net with the following information:

- Name
- Organisation
- Position
- E-mail address
- Participation in the social programme (11 March): yes / no
- Dinner on Wednesday: yes / no
- Dinner on Thursday: yes / no
- And indicate if you have special dietary requirements.

The invoice will be send to you at the end of January 2020. You can cancel your registration till the 15th of February, without costs. After this date you have to pay 50% of the invoice.

Themes

In general

The general theme of the conference will be to discuss the state of affairs concerning the 'European Level 5 Area' and how CHAIN5 can play a role in this. This means that we must identify the (new) aspects on which we can take the lead, knowing that our members - in countries in which we are represented - can do their work better 'at level 5'. We want to do this as practically as possible, supported by a collaboration between experts, managers, policy makers and others involved in level 5.

Thematic Teams

As stated at the previous conference in Como, it is important to work with 'thematic teams' within our community of practice. About the way in which these teams started working will be reported in the workshops by those who manage the teams. It is in any case about the themes:

- Internationalization
- Work-based learning
- Strategic Management
- Level 5 Colleges
- Quality of level 5 qualifications.

On the basis of such a workshop, it can be seen what the sub-themes are that deserve further attention for the coming period. Therefore, more people can join in, possibly by making suggestions as well.

Related to the European Level 5 Area

Of course, the conference will generally discuss the state of affairs with regard to the 'European Level 5 Area'. This will be done in a plenary introduction, but also in a workshop, to further discuss a number of developments. To name a few of them:

- Further introduction of the SCHE in Europe
- Establish a system for all tertiary education, linked to the EQF for levels 5 and higher (partly based on the conference on 9 and 10 December in Malta)
- Introduction of qualifications at 5 and higher, falling under Vocational-Professional Education (VPE), and a 'European VPE Area', to be developed for this
- Cooperation with European associations for VET
- Apprenticeships for level 5 students
- Study trips, conferences and other possibilities to collaborate with similar networks.

New themes – using the workshops

Possibilities for new themes can also be discussed in the planned sessions on Friday. In view of this, proposals will be made in the plenary presentations. But we can use also the workshops to give examples of themes that fit within the approach of CHAIN5, and that those who are present in Tallinn think they deserve further treatment.

See further on in this issue for taking care of such a workshop, where the possibility of making proposals is discussed.

Practicalities

Dates

Social Program: 11 March 2020
Conference 12 - 13 March 2020

Venue

Tallinn School of Economics (Tallinna Majanduskool), Tammsaare tee 147, Tallinn
<https://www.google.nl/maps/@59.4094124,24.6710399,16z>

Transport

The airport is located just a few kilometers from the centre and the venue. The hotels are easily accessible by tram, bus or taxi.

Buses will run all days from the centre to the building where the conference is being held, and vice versa. The pick-up places will be announced further.

On Friday afternoon buses run to the airport or to the centre.

Hotels

In the annex you can find a list of hotels. We have made arrangements with them, having special rates for the periode of the conference.

Programme Wednesday 11 March

As usual with our annual conference, a programme is organized on Wednesday to hear more and see what happens around level 5 in the country where we are. Changes may still occur, but the 'starting points' of the programme are 'fixed'.

09:30 bus pick-up (centre of Tallinn, near the hotels)
10:00 – 11:00 E-Estonia Briefing Centre (<https://e-estonia.com>) - an executive centre and an innovation hub in Tallinn, specially designed for experiencing the e-state of Estonia.
11:30 – 13:00 Stora Enso company visit (cooperation with school on level 5)
13:30 – 14:30 Dvigatel - buffet restaurant
15:00 – 16:00 Tallinn Health Care College (<https://www.ttk.ee/en>) - providing level 4 and 5 studies and applied higher education in the same school, operation model and the needs of health care sector
16:30 – 18:30 Guided tour in Tallinn Old Town
19:00 Dinner in Old Town

You can also join the group during lunch and take part in the rest of the programme,

Meeting Executive Committee (also open for members)

Thursday 12 March 10:00 – 11:30

Time is reserved for a meeting of the Executive Committee of CHAIN5, consisting of the members of the Board and the (co-)chairs of the thematic teams.

The agenda and the accompanying documents will be distributed two weeks in advance. You can then register for this meeting.

Programme of the Conference

Thursday 12 March

Buses will run from the centre to the venue in the morning. The schedule will be announced later.

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch buffet + registration

- 13:00 – 13:20 Welcome and Opening session
 - CHAIN5
 - Ministry of Education
 - Tallinn School of Economics
- 13:20 – 13:50 Keynote - Ministry of Education in Estonia
- 13:50 – 14:30 Keynote – CHAIN5
- 14.30 – 14.45 Coffee break
- 14.45 – 17.00 Workshops – thematic groups – developments in Estonia – good practices
 14:45 – 15:50 (first round)
 15:55 – 17:00 (second round)
- 17.00 – 17.30 Conclusions
- 17.45 Bus to city centre
- 19.00 Dinner in Old Town

Friday 13 March

Also this morning buses will run from the centre to the venue.

- 08:45 – 09:30 Registration for the second day – coffee
- 09:30 – 09:45 Looking back at day 1, and the conclusions
- 09:45 – 10:15 Presentation about new developments and topics, related to CHAIN5
- 10:15 – 11:00 Sessions about new themes
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12:15 Sessions, based on a number of new themes, relevant for CHAIN5
- 12:15 – 13:00 Plenary session
- 13:00 – 13:15 Closing of the conference
- 13:15 – 14:00 Lunch Buffet
- 14:00 – 15:00 Session for the chairs of the thematic group (planning, activities, seminar in Autumn of 2020)

Buses run to the centre and airport after the program ends. The schedule will be announced later.

Costs

- Social program: 30 euro
- Guided Tour + dinner on Wednesday including drinks: 40 euro
- 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: 155 euro
 - Greece, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Portugal, Czech Republic, other countries in the Eastern or Southern part of Europe, not mentioned below: 100 euro
 - Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia: 90 euro
 - Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and other countries not mentioned above: 75 euro
- Dinner on Thursday including drinks: 45 euro

All fees are excluding VAT if applicable.

Call for workshops

As the program shows, there is room for a number of workshops on the afternoon of Thursday.

If you (or a group) want to take care for a workshop... send an e-mail to tallinn@chain5.net with your proposal, with your theme, the relevance for level 5, the expertise that you have, your ideas for inspiring your colleagues...

We will take a look at the proposal and then we will come back to you. Perhaps with some questions, a request for clarification or suggestions for the way to handle the theme – having our community in mind.

Thursday 12 March

14.45 – 17.00 Workshops – thematic groups – good practices – new ideas...
14:45 – 15:50 (first round)
15:55 – 17:00 (second round)

Estonian themes

As we have done in Como, we will give the floor to our host. There will be some workshops offered by Estonian delegates. A lot of things will happen in Estonia in the next decade, and level 5 is part of the process that will take place... having effect on all sectors.

New themes

Other workshops by the members can be about new themes... so, look at your work, institution and expertise... and make a proposal...

- What makes your theme a good example?
- What is important for a level 5 qualification, looking at the way a program can be offered in the national context – knowing that it can also be in the interest of other members, organisations and countries...
- What is playing when it comes to using the theme in the design of level 5 programs and qualifications...
- What makes it a good practice for other countries and institutions...
- Why does this theme lend itself to be used in an international community such as CHAIN5, so why can we learn from each other and how to deal with this theme...
- How people think they can continue with discussions about the theme, with input from which people and organizations, and what a good form of cooperation is...
- Which other parties outside the education sector can play a role in this (and can therefore be approached via CHAIN5)...

In short, and in view of the above, it should be a theme connected to the level 5 area, internationally recognizable and based on experience gained and existing expertise that can be used for a thematic group. But feel free to start your own discussion... showing what is happening... and what can be interesting for the future...

Hotels

We suggest 5 hotels in the city centre or close to the Old Town.

1. Hotel St. Barbara

Address: Roseni 13, Tallinn

Website: <https://www.stbarbara.ee/en-gb>

The agreed rate is 55 €/night for a single room, 59 €/night for double/twin room and the price includes breakfast.

Booking until 20.01.2020

For booking please use the e-mail: reservations@stbarbara.ee and the keyword: **Chain5**

2. Kreuzwald Hotel Tallinn

Address: Endla 23, Tallinn 10122

Website: <https://kreuzwaldhotel.com/en>

The agreed rate is 60 €/night for a single room, 65 €/night for double/twin room. Breakfast is included.

Booking until 20.01.2020

For booking please use the e-mail: reserv@uhotelsgroup.com and the keyword: **Chain5**

3. Park Inn by Radisson Central Tallinn

Address: Narva mnt 7C, Tallinn 10117

Website: <https://www.parkinn.com/hotel-centraltallinn>

The agreed rates are

- 65 €/75 € for Standard room/night single/twin.
- 75 €/85 € for Superior room single/twin.

Breakfast is included.

For booking please use the link <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/booking/room-display?hotelCode=TLLPR&checkInDate=2020-03-10&checkOutDate=2020-03-14&adults%5B%5D=1&children%5B%5D=0&searchType=pac&promotionCode=CHAIN5> or the e-mail: estonia.sales@parkinn.com or phone +372 6315315, using the keyword: **Chain5**

4. Park Inn by Radisson Meriton Conference & Spa Hotel Tallinn

Address: Toompuiestee 27, Tallinn

Website: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-conference-tallinn-meriton-spa>

The agreed rates are

- 63 €/73 € for a Standard room/night single/double and prices include breakfast, access to spa and gym.
- 75 €/85 € for a Superior room/night single/double room and prices include breakfast, access to spa and gym.

Booking until 20.01.2020

For booking please use the link [https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/booking/room-display?checkInDate=2020-03-11&checkOutDate=2020-03-13&adults\[\]=1&children\[\]=0&searchType=pac&promotionCode=CHAIN5&hotelCode=TLLPM](https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/booking/room-display?checkInDate=2020-03-11&checkOutDate=2020-03-13&adults[]=1&children[]=0&searchType=pac&promotionCode=CHAIN5&hotelCode=TLLPM) or the e-mail: reservations.meriton.tallinn@parkinn.com

Please use also the keyword: **Chain5**

5. Hotel Metropol Spa

Address: Roseni 13, Tallinn

Website: www.metropol.ee

The agreed rate is 80 €/night for a single room and the price includes breakfast, access to spa and gym. 85 €/night for a double room and the price includes breakfast, access to spa and gym.

For booking please use the e-mail: booking@metropol.ee and the keyword: **Chain5**