

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

14-15 MARCH 2019
(PRE-CONFERENCE ON 13 MARCH)
COMO, ITALY

MAKING THE EUROPEAN LEVEL 5 AREA A REALITY

Programme & Practical Issues

➤ **Introduction**

This newsletter contains further details regarding the annual conference in Como. We have information about 'how to get from Milan to Como' and other practical matters.

As is known, this annual conference is focused on looking at themes that are of interest to our community. This is especially the case if 'the national and regional level 5 area' can be further developed within various countries and organizations.

This involves the role of qualifications that can be found on the EQF-5 level and contribute to issues such as flexibility, permeability, lifelong learning, dual education, combining sectors in a national system, and so on.

After the conference we will therefore start with more publications, general and thematic. In addition, CHAIN5 count on the experts in the community to share their experiences.

You can still register for this conference. However, the deadline is 10 February, so that the program can be arranged as optimally as possible.

➤ **Sessions**

On Thursday afternoon, the workshops focus on a number of themes that are relevant to the European Level 5 Area. On Friday there will then be sessions in which, in small groups, further consideration will be given on how we can collaborate with our community with the different themes. The participants will be asked during the sessions to what extent a theme plays in their own country or within the organization. It will also be investigated which aspects of a theme lend themselves to setting up (thematic) working groups within CHAIN5. Agreements can also be made about further activities and the use of the website and other (social) media.

Two weeks prior to the conference, all participants receive an overview of the workshops and the themes.

➤ **Programme**

Pre-conference programme 13 March

- Wednesday 13 March – from 10:00 till 16:30
- Visiting Level 5 College 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 – 14:00 Plenary session – identifying the most relevant themes for the EL5A – and for CHAIN5
14:00 – 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. Transport during the conference
During the conference we take care of transport on a number of occasions, with a bus between the premises of Cometa and the center of Como (near the port and the hotels mentioned in the previous newsletter)
 - Thursday, at the end of the afternoon, from Cometa to the centre
 - Friday, in the morning from the centre to Cometa and in the afternoon from Cometa to the centreThe exact times will be mentioned in a memo that will be send before the conference.
3. Transport from the airports fto 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)
 - Renting a car at the airport is at the moment very cheap – amazing low prices if you take a look at: www.economycarrentals.com.

From Linate Airport

Take the shuttle [shuttle bus from Linate airport to Milan Central Station](#) from the Arrivals Floor. The single fare is 5 euro. You may purchase tickets directly on the bus.

A journey takes about 25 minutes.

Once you get to Milano Central Station, you need to take the train to Como San Giovanni station.

From Bergamo Airport

Take the [shuttle bus from Bergamo airport to Milan Central Station](#)

The single fare is 4 euro. You may purchase tickets directly on the bus.

The journey takes about 50 minutes.

Once you get to Milano Central Station, you need to take the train to Como San Giovanni station.

From Malpensa Airport

From Malpensa Airport you have two options:

1. Take the train [Malpensa Express](#) to Milan Central Station and then a train to Como San Giovanni:

The train station is located in Terminal 1 on level -1 and in Terminal 2 outside. The ticket seller might only take cash, the price for a single journey from T1 or T2 is 13 euro.

The journey takes about 50 minutes.

Once you get to Milano Central Station, you need to take the train to Como San Giovanni station.

2. Take a [shuttle bus from Malpensa Airport to Milan Central Station](#)

The single fare is 10 euro. You may purchase tickets directly on the bus.

The journey takes about 50 minutes.

Once you get to Milano Central Station, you need to take the train to Como San Giovanni station.

Trains from Milan central station to Como S. Giovanni station leave approximately every hour. It takes 37 minutes to travel from Milan to Como S. Giovanni. (<http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>)

4. How to travel from Como centre to the premises of Cometa:

Address of [conference venue](#):

Cometa Formazione,
Via Madruzzo, 36
22100 Como

How to get from Como city centre to the conference venue:

Walk to [Piazza Cavour](#)

[Take bus n.6 or n.11](#): busses leave every 15 minutes

The journey takes about 15 minutes.

Get off at the bus stop "[Madruzzo 36](#)" just in front of Cometa.

Ticket prices:

€ 1,30 in a "[tabaccaio](#)"

€ 2,50 directly on the bus

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).