

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

**TALLINN, ESTONIA**  
Tallinna Majanduskool



***A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE... FOR YOU***



**Introduction**

Although we still have our conference in Malta, organized with EfVET, with the newsletters you received, we recently started preparing the Annual Conference in Tallinn, on 12-13 March 2020, with a social program on 11 March. A close collaboration with a team from the Tallinn School of Economics is being made, in order to make it possible to discuss also a number of interesting and very relevant developments around level 5, using good practices in Estonia.

In Como, in March of this year, we have initiated a number of thematic teams (TTs) within our community of practice. Naturally, attention will be paid in Tallinn to the results of the work of these teams. In addition, new issues that are related to level 5 of the EQF are looked into. The outcomes of that may be a reason for other TTs.

Therefore, in addition to the Estonian examples and good practices, there will be workshops and sessions by members of CHAIN5, on the basis of which they will examine which themes lend themselves to more attention at an international level.

Furthermore, there will be presentations about the state of affairs regarding the 'European Level 5 Area' and the strategy of CHAIN5. The plans that are being developed to strengthen the community are also explained. In addition, the upcoming activities will be mentioned, together with the contacts that exist with partner organizations in Europe and other parts of the world.

In this newsletter we provide the first information, especially about practical issues. Based on that, you can mark the conference in your agenda - start thinking about what else needs to be arranged. In the next newsletter we will publish a call for contributions to the programme. It will also be indicated how you can register and which parts you want to participate in.

### **Aims of the conference**

The conference is an opportunity for those involved in EQF level 5 to talk to each other about developments that are going on, in view of the upcoming issues that have to do with it. In accordance with the objective of CHAIN5 as a community of practice, attention will be paid to practical matters concerning the provision of level 5 qualifications. These have to do with taking care of them within institutions. It may also concern national subjects, given the position of the level in the overall education system. International issues can be looked at, also more at the strategic level.

The general aim is mainly to get the members in touch with each other, to look for colleagues who can share experiences on specific topics, and then to 'network' – on the move...

Central to the community is having themes around level 5, recognizable for many members and usable for institutions and associations. But they can also be relevant for countries that are looking for level 5 innovations, such as positioning of qualifications, quality assurance and international cooperation.

That is why there is room for themes at the conference as follows:

- Presenting the state of affairs around current themes (partly based on Como)
- Presenting possible new themes, based on examples that play a role in Estonia and in similar countries
- Likewise, based on presentations by members of CHAIN5 about national and regional topics and developments.

In the workshops and sessions, participants can reflect on the themes, based on their own experiences. On the second day, using the results and an inventory of the relevance of a theme for the members of CHAIN5, further consideration will be given to how certain thematic groups will go further with their activities - or get started with new teams.

### **Practicalities**

#### **Dates**

Social Programme: 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>

#### **Hotels**

A list of hotels will be included in the next newsletter. They are all located in the centre of Tallinn. Special arrangements have been made for the room rates, with a substantial discount. A code for this will be provided, to be used when booking.

## 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 on 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.

## Costs

- Social programme: 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.

## 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.

We provide here the activities that are currently planned. Of course, 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

On Thursday 12 March, 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.

Members of CHAIN5 are more than welcome to discuss a number of aspects related to the strategy for the community of practice. 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 for this 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.