



**ON OUR WAY TO ANOTHER CHALLENGING AND INTERESTING
YEAR FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE... FOR YOU

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

TALLINN, ESTONIA
Tallinna Majanduskool

Short update

In this newsletter, at the end of 2019, we will provide a short update regarding the annual conference in Tallinn, Estonia, next March. The objective is to make those days of this conference, with an interesting program on Wednesday, as practical as possible when it comes to the issues that play a role at level 5 - internationally and nationally.

Workshops and sessions

There will be all kinds of workshops and sessions on various topics. and themes. You can also contribute to this:

Make a **proposal for a workshop** about what concerns you and/or your organization or institution about level 5, and what can be **inspiring** for the work of your international colleagues... share your **experiences**... (see page 5)

Topics at the national level; input for discussions

In recent years there has been a strong growth in the number of people and organizations that have become members of CHAIN5. This shows that level 5 is an important topic, talking about

educational developments around levels 4, 5 and higher. Designing flexible learning paths in all kinds of ways has also become crucial, given the importance of lifelong learning. Among other things, it means that we see that there are more and more countries with members from all kinds of organizations, institutions and networks. That is a clear signal when it comes to the position of level 5 in a national context. It also means that there is a need to learn from other countries, to consult with each other about what is going on and to discuss matters that can be used in daily practice.

That is why we are planning at the end of Thursday morning – after the meeting of the Executive Committee (also open for other members of CHAIN5 – a round of sessions in Tallinn to sit together with participants from the same country or from countries in certain regions in Europe. The most interesting themes that play a national or regional role can be considered together, with the expectation that it will be possible to learn from other countries.

The results will be presented in the plenary session later that day so that there is an opportunity to learn about international themes.

It can also be viewed whether further activities can be linked to it. One possibility is that together from a certain country it is decided to organize a study trip to another country, with the help of the members of CHAIN5 there. Of course we can also make a contribution from CHAIN5, in terms of content or at the organization. More about this in Tallinn.

Recommendations Malta Conference

At the end of the conference in Malta the participants put a number of recommendations on paper on issues such as:

- What makes level 5 so specific, so what are the characteristics of the level 5 identity?
- What is the best way to give a further shape of the process around VPE (Vocational-Professional Education, VET at higher levels)?
- Which themes around level 5 deserve more attention in view of the whole tertiary education model.

A document with these recommendations and conclusions will be published in January. It will also indicate which subjects are relevant for further activities within CHAIN5. For the practical matters we assume that they will either be discussed in the workshops or given a place in the sessions.

An alternative approach will be taken to the options available for the proposed model for all tertiary education (of which the European Level 5 Area is a part), together with EfvET (www.efvet.eu) and possibly other international networks and associations. This will be reported separately.

How to register for the annual 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.

General theme

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.

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, 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,

Thursday Morning

- **Meeting Executive Committee (also open for members)**
- **Round-table sessions for national and regional (group of countries in the same region) networks**

10:00 – 11:00 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.

11:10 – 12:00 Round-table sessions for national and regional networks in Europe, to discuss national topics, leading to proposals for CHAIN5 (new themes, seminars, study trips, and so on).

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.

- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch buffet + registration
- 13:00 – 13:20 Welcome and Opening session
 - CHAIN5
 - Ministry of Education
 - Tallinn School of Economics
- 13:20 – 13:45 Keynote - Ministry of Education in Estonia
- 13:45 – 14:10 Developments in the European Level 5 Area - CHAIN5
- 14:10 – 14:30 Coffee break and 'to the workshop rooms'...
- 14.30 – 16:50 Workshops – thematic groups – developments in Estonia – good practices – national developments – outcomes Malta conference
 - 14:45 – 15:50 (first round)
 - 15:55 – 17:00 (second round)
- 16:50 – 17:00 Back to the plenary room
- 17.00 – 17.30 Conclusions of the workshops
- 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 – 09:40 Looking back at day 1, and the conclusions
- 09:40 – 10:00 Keynote about recent developments in Norway: level 5 and higher and quality assurance
- 10:00 – 10:20 Presentation about new developments and topics, related to CHAIN5
- 10:20 – 11:00 Sessions about new themes / national issues
- 11.10 – 11.35 Coffee break
- 11.35 – 12:20 Sessions, based on a number of new themes, relevant for CHAIN5
- 12:20 – 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

14:30 – 16:50 Workshops – thematic groups – good practices – new ideas...
 14:30 – 15:35 (first round)
 15:45 – 16:50 (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**