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Closing of Chain5 Conference 2019 “Making the European level 5 area a reality”

15.03.2019. The annual Conference of Chain5, hosted by IATH Cernobbio, have registered an incredible number: more than 90 participants. This collaboration between Chain5 and IATH shows the real spirit of Level5: learning by doing! The students during these 2 days of Conference have organized the entire event, with the compliments of Hans Daale (Chairman of Chain5).

Hans Daale, during the last day, outlined *“The second day is meant to have an inventory to ask delegates for what is important for them. The most important thing of our organisation are the members, so we ask them for opinions on the next steps. And we are looking for issues, topics which are important, in each country, for students and institutions. It is important for us to make level5 more visible and stronger.”*

Then he has concluded with eyes set on the future *“Now more people know about Level5 and its aim, thanks to the conference here in Como. We also hope, with the next conference to have some good results.”*

James Calleja (President of EfVET) has described this Conference saying *“I think this is only the first step to have a better understanding on what Level 5 is, because EQF 5 has different cultural connotations in different countries”*. He has concluded the conference, underlining the relevance of “synergies” between Chain5 and EfVET in order to make EQF5 more visible and more recognized at European level. He eventually announced another conference in December, in Malta, on the theme of Level 5 area, hosted by MCAST.

Alessandro Mele (as President of Rete ITS Italy and Secretary-General of IATH Cernobbio), in his speech, gave a visionary overview on the status of Education and Training at international level, underlining the importance to rethink them for the new challenges connected to the fast changes in the job market and social systems. He has left a big message for the future *“This Conference gives the opportunity to create new contact between Level 5 associations, starting a New Momentum for Europe, where higher VET students can make the difference indeed”*.

Also **Anita Longo** (Educational Director of IATH Cernobbio), underlined the importance of the conference for IATH Cernobbio: *“Thanks to this opportunity, our students were introduced to the international network of EQF5 associations. This event will create new exchanges, Internationalization and a wider vision about Higher Professional Education. In the future I hope that we can build new paths which combine good procedures of different countries and sector.”*

At the end of the Conference, Hans Daale announced that the Chain5 Conference 2020 will be hosted in Tallin, Estonia, on March 11th-13th.

More highlights on the conference: Twitter: **#Chain5**

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