

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
*AND THE GENERAL MEETING OF CHAIN5*

**AALBORG, DENMARK**  
**25-26 FEBRUARY 2016**

**THE IDENTITY OF LEVEL 5**

**FOREWORD** -----

First of all we wish you all the best for 2016, a new exciting and dynamic year to come. That will be the case for 'level 5', for sure, looking at what all the discussions at a national and international level are about: flexibility, permeability, recognition of prior learning, lifelong learning, and other developments that include the use of qualifications at level 5. That is why the Aalborg conference is important. We are looking forward to see you there, if it is possible to come.

**PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE** -----

**Thursday 25 February**

- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch buffet and registration for the conference
- 13.00 – 13.45 Opening session
- 13.45 – 14.15 Keynote speech: 'Level 5: The strategy at the European level and what can be relevant for its member states' – looking at the outcomes of a recent study on the role and position of HVET in Europe  
Maria Todorova, Policy officer, European Commission, Directorate General Employment, Social affairs and Inclusion, Unit E3 - VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning
- 14.15 – 14.40 CHAIN5 and its role in the level 5 strategy  
Hans Daale, Chair Steering Group, CHAIN5
- 14.30 – 15.15 Panel discussion, based on those speeches – questions and answers
- 15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45 – 16.35 Workshops – round 1
- 16.35 – 16.40 Short break
- 16.40 – 17.30 Workshops – round 2
- 19.30 Dinner (optional)

**Friday 26 February**

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration / coffee
- 09.00 – 10.00 Keynote speeches: 'The world of work and level 5 qualifications' in Europe and in Denmark
- 10.00 – 11.00 Round tables – 3 (there will be two sessions, taking each half an hour)
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 12.30 Plenary session: 'What have we learned if we are talking about level 5, and what does it mean for CHAIN5 – having its mission and vision in kind?'
- 12.30 – 13.00 Closing session
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch buffet and wrap-up

**WORKSHOPS** -----

There will be three rounds of workshops, with short presentations followed by discussion. The aim is to share information and experiences - and also to discover themes that can be relevant for CHAIN5. Here a list of subjects for the workshops:

- Quality Assurance in Vocational Colleges, outcomes of a national survey (Norway)
- BEEHIVES, a European project about HVET
- Apprenticeships: bridging the world of work and the world of education and training
- Level 5 in Finland: the State of Play
- Tandem, a European project on work-based learning at levels 4 and 5
- Community Colleges European Style: The Dutch case (Regional Associate Colleges)
- The American Experience – bridging High school and College
- HBO5: the Flemish case
- Work-based learning in Denmark (also for level 5...)

## GENERAL MEETING -----

On Thursday morning we will have the General Meeting ('Assembly') as CHAIN5, open to all members and other people interested in our community of practice.

We will start at 10.00 and end at 11.30.

The agenda will be published in the next newsletter.

## PRACTICALITIES -----

Here is some important practical information.

### **Venue**

The Annual Conference will take place in the center of Aalborg, in the premises of Aalborg Business College, Saxogade 10, Aalborg.

### **Airport**

The airport is not far away from Aalborg. For flights to Aalborg see: <http://www.aal.dk/en/direct-flights/>

There is a city bus running direct to the center. It is a 20 minute ride, for ca. 3 euro.

### **Hotels**

We have made an arrangement with the conference hotel: Comwell Hvide Hus Hotel, for rooms to be used by the participants: <http://www.comwellaalborg.dk/comwellaalborg/om-hotellet/>

The hotel has a special price: DKK 885, including breakfast. Use the discount code 'chain5' when booking, sending an e-mail to [hotel.aalborg@comwell.dk](mailto:hotel.aalborg@comwell.dk)

Another convenient hotel is the Chagall Hotel (<http://www.chagall.dk>). If you mention the code 'chain5' when booking, the room price is DKK 595 per night.

Make sure to book your hotel room in time! Aalborg is a popular conference city.

Of course you can book other hotels or these hotels, using booking.com or other websites.

## FEE / DINNER -----

The conference fee is 140 Euro, for participation, coffee breaks and lunches.

On Thursday evening there we will have a dinner in the conference hotel (Comwell Hvide Hus Hotel). Participation is optional. The extra cost for the dinner is 50 Euros. Dinner vouchers will be issued.

## REGISTRATION -----

The registration for the Annual Conference is open, by sending an e-mail to [info@leido.nl](mailto:info@leido.nl) with your name, organisation and position – mentioning also whether you will join the group for dinner. We will send the invoice to you (by e-mail) mid-January.

You can cancel the registration without any cost before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. After that date cancellation will not be for free, knowing that we have already made most of the arrangements at that time – and then you have to pay 50% of the fee. After the 18<sup>th</sup> of February it will be 100%...