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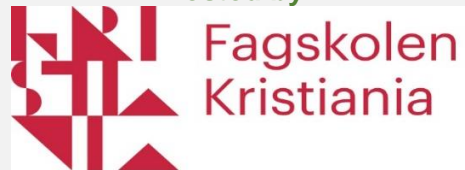
**LEVEL 5 + STAKEHOLDERS = TEAMWORK**

**OSLO – NORWAY**

10-11 MARCH 2022

(SOCIAL PROGRAMME IN OSLO, NORWAY: 9 MARCH  
&  
EXTRA WEEKEND IN GEILO, NORWAY: 11/12/13 MARCH)

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**GEILO – NORWAY**  
**EXTRA WEEKEND TRIP / 11-13 MARCH 2022**

## Introduction

You have the second newsletter about our Annual Conference in your 'digital' hands. This issue mainly focuses on the sessions that we want to organize for both conference days. We use three tracks, each with its own approach when it comes to the use of the qualifications at level 5.

CHAIN5 and the organizing committee of Norway fill in a number of the sessions for the three tracks, based on what happens around level 5. But there is also room for you, the member, to take care for a session and/or a workshop to inform us about what is happening in your institute, organization, network or association. This form of dissemination of good practices is always highly appreciated.

## A physical conference...

We still assume a conference to be organized physically. Of course we keep an eye on all developments around Covid-19. It is obvious that in December there will be a fairly good view of the measures that are being taken and what the forecasts are for the first months of 2022.

*We advise you to wait a little longer before booking the trips that are necessary.* Of course it is good to look from time to time at the costs, but we have the idea that the price increases in themselves are not a reason to book the trips at this stage.

We keep in mind that we will have to switch to an online conference. We keep you posted about this.

## Three tracks during the conference and contributions by members

In addition to the usual elements of the AC, we decided to work on three tracks during the two days when designing the sessions – having each a duration of 75 minutes (or split-up in two sessions of 35 minutes). We create a certain order in the offer so that the participants can draw up their own programme, with the focus on a certain track or by continuing your 'shopping'.

### Three tracks

The tracks during the conference are:

1. Theme groups: sharing knowledge and ideas about different themes on practicalities - level 5
2. Level 5 in the national context: how about the role of institutes and the national approach
3. Stakeholders and the community around the European Level 5 Area and the European Education Area

### 1. Theme groups: sharing knowledge and ideas about different themes on practicalities - level 5

Various theme groups function within CHAIN5. At this moment we have the following theme groups: Internationalisation, Work Based Learning and Accreditation and quality assurance. During the conference, members of these groups will inform you about the current and new developments. They also look forward to upcoming events of their group (for example like webinars, etc.)

There is also a possibility to set up more of these groups. Members of CHAIN5 who have proposals for setting up a specific theme group, please inform us about your ideas and plans. Any idea is very welcome!

### 2. Level 5 in the national context: how about the role of institutions and the national approach

This track focuses on the level 5 in a certain country – on the position of the institutions and their staff. This concerns the entire spectrum, including the interpretation within Higher Vocational-Professional Education (Higher VET) and Higher Education, but also qualifications that fall under the non-formal offer, such as with Business Academies.

We want to focus on the position and role of the provider of training and qualifications. It concerns the embedding in the national education system, the strategy that the government has in the short and longer term, and the possibilities of being able to influence this in national networks. The

approach in a country can certainly be interesting for other countries where there is still plenty of discussion about filling in the 'national level 5 area'.

### **3. Stakeholders and the community around the European Level 5 Area and the European Education Area – what about their roles and connections**

As CHAIN5 we work together with other international networks, associations and platforms, which also deal with level 5. We do this in order to combine forces as effectively as possible and to ensure that the work is carried out as good as possible. To give you an idea about the stakeholders we (would like to) have a relation with:

- Students and (inter)national organisations (VET and HE)
- Employers' organisations and involvement in level 5 qualification (formal and non-formal)
- Labour Unions
- Ministries and strategy: national and in the EHEA
- OECD = Role of Professional Tertiary Education
- The European Education Area = EVBB, EfVET and ETF
- WFCP = World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics

They also contribute to researches, projects and activities. This can also be important for members in a national context to use in their own strategy.

It is one of the spearheads of CHAIN5 to set up relevant and effective networks in the coming years with these kind of international organizations that are involved at level 5. In this way, both international and national communication can take place about the best way to position level 5, looking at the interests that the most relevant stakeholders want, and can have.

In previous conferences we have seen that there is a clear mixed group of participants. This concerns teachers, coordinators, managers, quality assurance officers, policy makers, presidents of regional and national organizations, etc. With these three tracks and the accompanying sessions, we aim to serve as many target groups as possible.

#### **Your proposal for a session**

As always, we call on our members to submit topics for the conference. Also, you are invited to organize a session and share your knowledge and experiences on a specific level 5-topic. In this way we can give substance to the character of our community of practice. 75 minutes is available for a complete session. But it is also possible that during a round we divide a session into two sessions of 30 minutes, including a short break. Sufficient technical resources are available.

For the record, we would like to mention that if the number of proposals is too large, given the available rooms, we will have to make a selection. We will of course inform all concerned at the earliest possible stage.

#### **Your idea**

In view of this, we request that you pass on the outline of such a proposal to the organization no later than the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, so that we can let everyone know at the beginning of January which sessions can take place.

How to proceed with your proposal:

- As the proposer, please provide your name, position and organisation, as well as email address
- If applicable, state with how many colleagues you want to give the session
- Mention which track it concerns
- State whether it concerns a 75 or 30 minute session
- Briefly describe the topic you want to discuss
- Indicate what the format is in principle, ie many presentations or discussions or with panels or with a different approach.

Send your proposal to [oslo22@chain5.net](mailto:oslo22@chain5.net) by December 6 at the latest. You will receive a confirmation of receipt from us, plus a document on which you can elaborate your proposal in further detail, based on what you have provided in general. This document must then be sent to us no later than December 17, so that the selection committee can get to work.

Again, for the record: we are therefore assuming a physical conference in Oslo. Should it be decided to carry out all or part of it online, we may have other options. As indicated earlier in this newsletter, we will keep you informed.

### **Preliminary programme**

Here we give the preliminary programme for the entire conference. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

#### **Wednesday, 9 March – Social programme**

As you are used to from CHAIN5 - and what is seen as a 'unique selling point' - a social programme is provided on the Wednesday. Visits will be made to institutions, organizations and companies involved in providing Higher Vocational Education, as is currently happening in Norway.

In the evening there will also be a dinner, to get to know each other and to talk in a relaxed atmosphere about 'level 5'...

#### **Thursday, 10 March – Day 1 of the Conference**

<b>Time table</b>	<b>Items</b>
08.15 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.50	General Assembly CHAIN5
10.00 – 10.45	Welcome session
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 11.35	Key-note about the Norwegian Policy for Higher Vocational Education – Ministry of Education
11.35 – 12.10	Panel with representatives of Norwegian organisations and stakeholders: what can be the role of stakeholders in the provision of level 5 programmes...
12.10 – 12.40	Feedback by the Ministry Questions and Answers
12.40 – 12.45	Information about the afternoon programme
12.45 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.45	Sessions – round 1
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.30	Sessions – round 2
16.30 – 16.40	Back to the plenary room
16.40 – 17.15	Panel discussion with students
19.00	Dinner

#### **Friday, 11 March – Day 2 of the Conference**

<b>Time table</b>	<b>Items</b>
08.15 – 08.45	Registration for day 2
08.45 – 09.00	Looking back at the first day: a short reflection
09.00 – 09.30	Keynote speech about Quality Assurance and accreditation at level 5
09.30 – 09.45	To the meeting rooms for the sessions... and coffee...
09.45 – 11.00	Sessions – round 3
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break
11.20 – 12.30	Sessions – round 4
12.30 – 13.20	Lunch
13.20 – 14.00	Discussions in small groups about CHAIN5 and the next years
14.00 – 14.20	Wrap-up conference, and looking forward
14.20 – 14.30	Closing of the conference
15.15 – 16.45	Optional: Guided Tour Oslo, with students

## Fees

### *Social programme*

The fee for the social programme incl. lunch: 45 euro

### *Conference*

The fee for the conference 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: 220 euro
- Greece, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Portugal, Czech Republic, other countries in the Eastern or Southern part of Europe, not mentioned below: 145 euro
- Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia: 120 euro
- Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and other countries not mentioned above: 110 euro

All fees are excluding VAT if applicable.

## Practicalities and registration

In the next issues we will provide information on the practicalities. This concerns hotels, transport, dinners, the venue where the conference will be held and other matters that make it possible for you to prepare everything properly.

We will also discuss the registration procedure for the conference and the other activities.

## After the conference: a weekend break in Geilo, Norway

For those who would like to take the opportunity to relax for a few days after the conference in Geilo, a well-known Norwegian ski resort, our colleagues are working on a programme for this.

They have already prepared a schedule:

### Friday

By train from Oslo to Geilo (departure: 16:29) - check-in - dinner

### Saturday

10:00 – 16:00 A number of 'snow' activities in Geilo, in small groups

16:00 – 19:00 Seminar on International cooperation & sustainable tourism

20:00 – 23:00 Beer and food... with live music...

### Sunday

Checkout - by train from Geilo to Oslo (arrival: 14:45)

Further details will be given in the next newsletter, along with the costs for this activity – to be passed on in a package deal.

## Contact

If you have any questions now, soon or later in the preparation for the AC, if you would like to receive further information or if you need to contact the organizing committee for other reasons, you can do so via the e-mail address [oslo22@chain5.net](mailto:oslo22@chain5.net).