

Plans... Activities... Ideas...

Our community... needs you... and your expertise...

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Introduction

During the pre-conference on March 10, as part of the preparation for the Annual Conference in Oslo, we gave a presentation on plans, future activities and other proposals for further shaping our Community of Practice. A number of steps have been taken in this direction in recent years, with the conferences and especially with the setting up of a number of theme and working groups.

But we have even more ambitions to make it possible for our members, and the contacts they have indirectly in this way, to exchange ideas about all kinds of issues and developments. This can be done physically and online, in small and somewhat larger groups, and ad hoc or for the longer term. That is why in this newsletter we call on our members to contribute to the community. To keep the network rolling is not possible without input of members and experts in activities that are also brought in from below from the community.

So we need you!

Community and member input

CHAIN5 is a network and platform based on members' input, knowing that activities can only take place if some colleagues take the initiative to make them possible. Others can then contribute, thereby also investing in the exchange of knowledge and experiences. It is therefore a matter of working back and forth to meet each other. In this way they can learn what is going on elsewhere, in order to be able to take the next steps on that basis within their own environment and context.

What you can do within the community – across the three 'layers' of collaboration

Our community has an approach that you can divide over three 'layers'. We list them here, with a brief explanation. And if you as member of CHAIN5 feels attracted to such a 'layer', look at the end of this memo.

1. Executive Committee

We have an Executive Committee. In this way, it is periodically (online or in some situations 'on the spot') reviewed what the strategy as CHAIN5 is and can be in the coming years. The lines are also set out for general activities such as the Annual Conference and to see who can represent CHAIN5. *We are looking for members* who want to play a role within the community in that capacity, bringing in their expertise and experiences around level 5.

2. Theme and working groups

In recent years, a number of theme groups have been set up, including several working groups, aimed at specific topics. During the Annual Conference there are some sessions in which these groups provide insight into the state of affairs and the plans that are in the pipeline. Initiations can also be given for activities on new topics. This means that we welcome *new initiatives by our members*, also in Oslo.

3. Community Activities

There are all kinds of plans ready to offer members more opportunities within the community to develop initiatives and to involve others. In this way, the character of CHAIN5 can be strongly emphasized when it comes to using each other's contacts when organizing national and international activities. This includes – as presented on March 10 – study trips, national conferences, projects, setting up national platforms, master classes, research, and so on. *We will make proposals for these activities in the coming period*, to which you as a member can respond.

Interested?

In view of the above, if you are interested, or you know someone who is definitely suitable to take on a specific role within CHAIN5, check out the dedicated page: www.chain5.net/activities. There you will find specific information for these three 'layers'.