

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

As indicated during the pre-conference in March of this year, we also want to start again with newsletters, to be published at least once every two months. Besides announcements about CHAIN5 activities, informing you about developments around the European Level 5 Area, paying attention to study trips and summaries of recent research and projects, we want to provide you with information about the theme groups and other working groups. We will also, where appropriate, do this for European organizations with which we work closely.

But everyone is free to use this newsletter for all kinds of calls, for projects, for international cooperation and other forms that can be used across the borders of all kinds of countries to generate attention. If you want to cooperate with institutes in other countries or are looking for partners in completing joint programs or in exchanging students, just pass on your information to us.

This newsletter focuses on three things:

1. **Call for experts** who can be available for projects for a longer period of time, nationally and internationally. These can be experts who generally deal with level 5, but it can also be in a sub-area. The fact is that we get requests if we as CHAIN5 can recommend experts, and then it is useful to have a register with them.
2. **Request from the Rotterdam Academy** to start partnerships with institutes in other countries, around study visits for students and practitioners.
3. **Announcing the 10th anniversary of the QQI**, as an organization in Ireland involved in many ways in education at all levels.

Call for experts (level 5) – projects – consultancy etc.

In March we had an online meeting. All kinds of plans were discussed that we have for our community. More of the developments will again be discussed at the Annual Conference in Oslo, as can be read on the conference on our website (www.chain5.net/oslo22/).

This means that after the Annual Conference a number of calls will be made among all members to see how certain initiatives can be supported. It can then also become clear who wants to and can be engaged, based on further agreements. It is our ambition to get a lot of things going around level 5, given the growing attention to this.

Here is an example, partly because we have already been approached a number of times with specific questions. These are requests from organizations that are involved in the further implementation of a 'national level 5 area' in a country. This mainly concerns countries where there is still a lot to do to ensure that level 5 qualifications can play a full role within the education system. Projects are then drawn up for this, together with the government of such a country and other involved organizations and stakeholders. The project then quickly takes a number of years, to be carried out within the country itself.

Experts are then needed with a lot of experience in implementing such a level in a national or regional context, considering all aspects. This includes setting up a system for quality assurance, a procedure for the implementation of qualifications, designing through learning paths, having a structure for collaboration with the world of work, how to make use of RPL, opportunities for providing certificates (micro-credentials), and so on. Most of such projects have to be done with a multi-disciplinary team, with a manager who sets out the guidelines.

We do not yet have any insight into the presence of experts within our community who can complete such an assignment on a project basis – and can be recommended. This is useful, even if questions arise for short-term projects and other activities.

If you have the opportunity to be involved in such projects and related activities based on your expertise and experiences, please let us know: info@chain5.net.

This provides us with a useful register of experts. And then, if there is a request, we can specifically inform a number of members of our community. Of course you can also contact us for further questions about this call.

Call for partnership / Rotterdam Calling

Do you see your students working on intercultural skills with our Rotterdam students?

Rotterdam Academy (RAc) is looking to set up a collaboration with partner schools abroad, so that students from different countries can make contact with each other and (if possible) meet each other during a study trip to your city. Every year in January, Communication students of the RAc are going on study trips in Europe, now wouldn't it be a good idea if they visit your school's city? They could be your student's guest, and, if you are up for it, it would even be possible to have them work on a project together.

Rotterdam Academy is a rapidly growing Associate Degree institute with 18 different study level 5 programs. We are looking for partners within The Chain 5 network. We find it important that students broaden their horizons by making contact with other cultures. Looking across borders at other cultures, other customs, other ways of working increases their cultural sensitivity. But also new friendships can be made this way and students and teacher build a network of contacts.

During the preparation of the trip, it helps to have the first contact online in November and/or December. Students can get to know each other and share local insights. What do our students definitely need to see in your city, which company visit is a must for them, even where to get the best coffee, etc. Together they exchange lots of information and set up an excursion or prepare for an international project.

And in January, they will actually travel and meet each other. There you go! What do you think? Don't hesitate to reach out if you want to know more about this project!

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QQI 10th anniversary conference – October 2022

The QQI in Ireland is 10 years old. In this context, an international conference will be organized in Dublin in October. Here you will find the link to the website and we give the text that can be found there.

As soon as we know more about the program, we will inform you about it.

Link: <https://www.qqi.ie/events/qqi-10th-anniversary-conference>

Dates: Tuesday 18 to Wednesday 19 October 2022

Venue: Croke Park - Jones Road, Dublin 3

QQI will host its annual conference on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October 2022.

This conference will feature national and international experts who will share their perspectives on the future of qualifications and quality assurance within further and higher education and training.

We hope you can join us at this in-person event where we will connect with colleagues and other professionals from a wide range of backgrounds.

Mark the date in your diary and feel free to circulate this invitation to colleagues within your organisation.

We look forward to sharing details about our event over the coming months and seeing you face-to-face in October.