



# 10 years CHAIN5

Annual Conference 2023 - Leeuwarden

# Welcome

- ▶ Our 10th Anniversary as CHAIN5
- ▶ Congratulations!
- ▶ For you, all members, our partners, experts, colleagues and everyone... interested in developments concerning level 5 in Europe and all around the Globe

# Milestones

- ▶ 25-1 years ago: Start of the Bologna Process (EHEA)
- ▶ 20 years ago: First initiative for having the Short Cycle included in the Bologna Process (EHEA)
- ▶ 15 years ago: Introduction of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)
- ▶ 10 years ago: Start-up of CHAIN5
- ▶ 5 years ago: SCHE officially recognised as stand-alone cycle within the EHEA
- ▶ 0 years ago: all NQFs adopted as a framework based on the EQF

# Community of Practice

- ▶ Founded in Amsterdam - December 2013
- ▶ Non-profit
- ▶ A community of practice, next to those associations in Europe for 'strategy and policy', with a focus on VET and HE
- ▶ Covering all types of level 5 qualifications:
  - Short Cycle HE (formal)
  - Higher VET / Vocational-Professional Education (formal)
  - Business-Personal Education and Training (non-formal) and others...
- ▶ Around 800 members from 37 countries

# Core activities

- ▶ Thematic Working Groups  
(Internationalisation, Quality Assurance, Workbased Learning, Strategy...)
- ▶ Seminars
- ▶ Study trips
- ▶ Helpdesk
- ▶ Projects
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Annual Conferences

# Annual Conferences

- ▶ Two times Amsterdam
- ▶ Bled
- ▶ Aalborg
- ▶ Brussels
- ▶ Como
- ▶ Tallinn (just ended before the Covid period)
- ▶ Zagreb (online)
- ▶ Oslo

# Bled



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# Luton (seminar on WBL)



# Celebration of 20 years Bologna Process



# San Sebastian - World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics



# Studytrip Zagreb



# What about the future?

- ▶ What will be said in 2028 or 2033...during the AC in Sweden?
- ▶ There is a very well functioning European Level 5 Area:
  - bridge between VET and HE
  - connecting levels 4 and 6
  - is involved in flexible learning pathways
  - is the link between instruments that are used in different sectors
- ▶ Having at least one formal qualification at level 5 in every country...
- ▶ The EL5A is based on:
  - common instruments and names for all terms
  - covering formal education
  - and non-formal education and training
  - and business diplomas
  - WBL and apprenticeships
  - using also small units (lifelong learning)...

# Also a new phase as community

- ▶ National events - based on the topics related to level 5
- ▶ Looking for more international cooperation
- ▶ More study trips if needed
  
- ▶ And a well established helpdesk...
- ▶ Giving experts the chance for being involved in national developments for advice...

Have a good conference!