

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

**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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Newsletter 1 – AC22

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## **Introduction**

Hereby the first newsletter for the Annual Conference (AC) in Oslo, Norway, to be held from 9 to 11 March 2022. We give you the first information about the program and some of the organizational matters related to it.

We assume the possibility of being able to physically hold a conference again. Certain parts of the program will certainly be streamed. We also keep the option open to provide a number of sessions online, in parallel with the physical sessions. This will be discussed in the following newsletters, together with what this means for the registration.

## **You are more than welcome...**

Of course we look forward to meet as many members of CHAIN5 as possible during the Annual Conference, the opportunity to meet each other as teachers, coordinators, counsellors, program managers, program directors, quality assurance experts, staff members, national coordinators, experts in the international context, and everyone who has found a place within the community. But it is also the opportunity to get acquainted with CHAIN5, the theme groups and other networks, and to learn about current developments around 'level 5', nationally and internationally.

## **The theme...**

The theme of the AC relates to the way in which the provision of qualifications at level 5 can be designed and the role that the stakeholders play in this in consultation with the institutes that take care for the 'shape' of education. Stakeholders mean the organizations that can, may and want to be involved in those qualifications in one way or another.

We are going to look at this from the national context, so what could be going on around the stakeholders at that level. Based on this, our community can look at two sides, namely the way in which regional and local cooperation can be achieved, but also how internationally we can learn from each other, about how to deal with the stakeholders and in what way to involve them in the provision of qualifications and programs.

Stakeholders that we can consider include: government (ministries), parliament, employer representatives, accreditation organizations, student associations, educational umbrella organizations, municipalities, social partners, chambers of commerce, national coordination points (NQF...).

In order to be able to deal with the theme in concrete terms, we will look at the situation in Norway, at the way in which in recent years, with the support of all kinds of stakeholders and other organizations at level 5, Higher Vocational Education has been developed. During the conference it will be examined what this has brought about on 'the floor' of institutions and their networks. In concrete terms, it will be seen what this means for teachers, coordinators and program designers, i.e. what happens in a practical sense when there is a good and effective collaboration with all kinds of stakeholders.

## **Tracks during the conference and contributions by members**

In addition to the usual elements of the AC, we decided to work on four tracks during the two days when designing the sessions. We create a certain order in the offer so that the participants can draw up their own program, with the focus on a certain track or by continuing your 'shopping'.

The four tracks during the conference are:

1. Level 5 in the national context: how about the role of institutes and the national approach
2. Theme groups: discussion, plans and opportunities for the near future
3. Stakeholders and their roles in offering level 5 by institutions
4. CHAIN5 and the community – theory and practice related to the European Level 5 Area and the European Education Area, and international collaboration

In the next issue of the newsletters we will explain these tracks further, with several examples. Then you will also receive information about the possibility to make a proposal for contributions from your side, for sessions, looking at those tracks.

## Preliminary programme

Here we give the preliminary program 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 program 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

Time table	Items
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 – 13.35	Lunch
13.35 – 14.50	Sessions – round 1 – Four tracks
14.50 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.30	Sessions – round 2 – Four tracks
16.30 – 17.15	Panel discussion with students
19.00	Dinner

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

Time table	Items
08.00 – 09.00	Registration for day 2
09.00 – 09.30	Keynote speech about Quality Assurance and accreditation at level 5
09.30 – 10.45	Sessions – round 3 – Four tracks
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Sessions – round 4 – Four tracks
12.30 – 13.20	Lunch
13.20 – 14.00	Discussions in small groups about CHAIN5 and the next years
14.00 – 14.20	Presentation about CHAIN5, Strategy and other themes for 2022-2023
14.20 – 14.30	Closing of the conference

## Fees

Here is the list of the fees charged for the social programme and the conference. For the conference the fees are based on the participant's country. In doing so, the position that a country occupies in the list with the size of its national income was examined.

In the next newsletters we will inform you about the fees for the dinners.

### *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, 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 program for this.

They have already prepared a schedule:

#### **Friday**

By train from Oslo to Geilo (departure: 15:43) – 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).