



A community of practice for level 5 of the EQF

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Our international community in short

- ▶ A community of practice for level 5 of the EQF
- ▶ Founded in 2013 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- ▶ 690 members / 37 countries
- ▶ Non-profit / Foundation

Activities, networks, topics

- ▶ Activities:
 - Annual Conference
 - Webinars / Projects
- ▶ Networks:
 - VET4EU2 and the European Commission (DG E)
 - Cedefop / OECD / ETF / WFCP / EURASHE / ENQA / INQAAHE, and...
- ▶ Topics (thematic groups)
 - QA and Accreditation
 - Work-based Learning
 - Internationalisation
 - Strategy
 - VET and HPE

Level 5 in Tertiary Education

- ▶ Level 5 is part of 'Tertiary Education'
 - 3 and 4 = Secondary Education
 - 5, 6, 7 and 8 = Tertiary Education
- ▶ We are looking at three main sectors in Tertiary Education
 1. *Higher Education*
 2. *Higher VET* (Higher Vocational-Professional Education)
 3. *Business Education and Training* (non-formal - non-degree - incompany - modules - units - microcedentials... / Private Institutions - Business Academies...)

European Level 5 Area

- ▶ In Higher Education:
 - Short Cycle HE (withing the EHEA)
 - Not a common international name yet... but we propose:
Associate
- ▶ In Higher VPE (Higher VET)
 - HVPE 5
 - No common international names... Do we need them?
- ▶ In BET
 - linked to level 5 of a NQF (by a National Coordination Point)
 - international qualifications
 - names linked to professions / private organisations involved...

Link with QA and accreditation of qualifications at level 5

- ▶ We have then three QA systems for tertiary education
- ▶ All three of them having their own approach and procedures
 1. Higher Education: European Standards and Guidelines
 2. HVET/HVPE: EQAVET?
 3. BET: all kinds of procedures... and stakeholders
- ▶ Aim: Looking for similarities and how to collaborate - countries, national organisations, institutions..

What's next...

- ▶ Doing research
- ▶ It is a process for Europe (also looking at the EHEA):
Level 5 - but: including HVPE at levels 5 and higher
- ▶ Conference in 2024 (Spring) about level 5 - including QA
- ▶ With the help of ENQA - and the European Commission... and national accreditation bodies...?
- ▶ Webinar with ENQA: April 6
- ▶ Next Annual Conference of CHAIN5 in November this year

Expanding our network...

- ▶ We are ready for expanding our network....
- ▶ Knowing that in Europe the focus will be on having the European Education Area in 2025....
- ▶ And the next ministerial meeting about developments within the European Higher Education Area (Bologna Process) will be held in 2024 (Autumn)...
- ▶ And almost every country has its NQF based on the EQF...
- ▶ And more countries are formulating a strategy for their National Level 5 Area...

QA and Accreditation

- ▶ The European Level 5 Area is new... and therefore challenging
- ▶ One of the most important issues is a format for harmonizing the systems that are used for quality assurance: similarities...
- ▶ In October we want to start an international working group on QA at level 5 - having a first webinar a.s.a.p.
- ▶ You are welcome!



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