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# **Work-based Learning in the European Level 5 Area: Enough challenges for VET!**

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# CHAIN5

- ▶ European Community of Practice for level 5
- ▶ Founded in 2013
- ▶ Taking care for what is happening at level 5 of the EQF (and the NQFs)
- ▶ Partnerships with associations in VET and HE

# Level 5

- ▶ We are looking at the ‘European Level 5 Area’
- ▶ Three sectors in tertiary education (level 5 till 8)
  - Higher Education: Academic / Professional / Binary systems
  - Higher VET - called by us: Vocational-Professional Education (VPE)
  - Business Education and Training (BET)
- ▶ BET = all non-formal qualifications = offered by all kinds of institutions - including involved in PHE and VPE, having private arrangements - and also specific BET Academies

# HE and VPE

EQF	<b>HE (EHEA)</b> <b>Higher Education</b> Academic / Professional	<b>VPE</b> <b>Vocational-Professional Education</b>	<b>Sector</b>
8	<b>Third Cycle (Doctorate)</b>	<b>VPE-8</b>	<b>Tertiary</b>
7	<b>Second Cycle (Master)</b>	<b>VPE-7</b>	
6	<b>First Cycle (Bachelor)</b>	<b>VPE-6</b>	
5	<b>Short Cycle (Associate)</b>	<b>VPE-5</b>	

# BTE and provision


EQF	BTE Business Training and Education			Sector
	<b>Training Non-Formal</b>  Offered by (private) HEIs	<b>Training Non-Formal</b>  Offered by 'other (private) institutions' and 'Business Academies'	<b>Training Non-Formal</b>  Offered by (private) VPE Colleges	
8				Tertiary
7				
6				
5				

# Work-based learning at level 5

- ▶ Level 5 qualifications can be found at the cross-roads of:
  - 1 VET and HE (mostly orientation on ‘professional’)
  - 2 VET and BET (focus on B-Education)
  - 3 VET and BET (focus on B-Training)
  - 4 VET and VPE
  
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  - 1 = Dual Education in (P)HE / Higher Apprenticeship Degrees
  - 2 = Work + Private qualifications linked to the NQF (related to the EQF)
  - 3 = Further Education (work and training)
  - 4 = All types for WBL, in line with VET in a country

# Challenges for VET - related to level 5

- ▶ It means alignments on three fronts:
  - from VET to HPE
  - from VET to BET
  - from VET to VPE
- ▶ Using different systems and formats for:
  - combining work and learning
  - guaranteeing level and quality
  - study load (credits) and other instruments...
- ▶ Also, online learning has different 'formats and rules'...

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- ▶ Involvement of:
    - National Accreditation Bodies (HE)
    - Branches and Professional Bodies
    - National Qualifications Framework - and the role of a National Coordination Point (B-E)
    - ISO / NEN / national requirements (B-T)
    - National organizations for VET qualifications (also VPE?)  
To be discussed for the higher levels!!
  
  - ▶ So: A process for VPE (Higher VET at level 5 and above)
  
  - ▶ Project???



# How to go on with such a process?

- ▶ At the end of your project...
- ▶ Can we have a small group for a short follow-up?
- ▶ A webinar, organised by CHAIN5 and EVBB?
- ▶ Follow-up for aligning those three 'columns' for 5 and higher - writing a small report with ideas... for setting up a process for WBL... and a better mutual understanding for all sectors...
  - think of having a European Education Area - in 2025
  - Osnabrück Declaration - 2021/2025

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