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COACHING in 42435 Knowledge based entrepreneurship, S2011

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We have a team of voluntary coaches on this course. See coordinates below and check www.entrepreneur.dk.

Get yourself a coach -

The impact on the quality of your business plan is unquestionable, and it's fun and inspiring to work with someone with a completely different background – according to former evaluations.

All you need is to mail or phone your preferred coach to set up a relation. Each coach will take up to 2 – 4 groups. If your favourite coach is overbooked, she or he will tell you, and then you have to contact the next on your list. Remember to write in the subject field of your mail: "Coaching in Knowledgebased Entrepreneurship".

Set up a meeting, but -

it is the privilege of the coach to set the time and the place – and you may have to go to CBS or elsewhere to meet.

A good time to set up a meeting is when you have a portfolio of ideas, and you need to pick and choose. Typically end February. Your coach can help you discussing start-up strategies and identify the kind of information you should look for to verify your assumptions on customers, value creation, competitors, saleability etc.

You may set up a second meeting – and a good point is just before you finalise your business plan. The first meeting is the most important, though.

Communicate as you go, but -

- it is up to your coach to say "enough is enough". Surely you will get feedback on executive summaries and stuff like interpretation of market data. But don't expect the coach to do the work for you – and be kind enough to do your homework before meetings.

Further questions?

Contact me if anything runs askew.

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In addition, Dorte holds board positions in small/medium sized growth companies. Dorte has acted as lecture and coach for the past 5 courses for Knowledge based entrepreneurship.



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- Investment Manager. Pre-seed/seed technology venture investments. In particular HW/SW/mobile (and medtech)
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Winner of Venture Cup 2011 with Black Silicon Solar Cells & London Business School business plan competition. Rasmus is alumni of Knowledgebased Entrepreneurship – he knows which criteria you'll be judged upon and has obviously done well with writing business plans. He's looking forward to help you and share his experiences.

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Jacob is a Venture Cup alumni, working full time in his own startup Youngacademics which links companies on a no cure no pay basis with their next student assistant (so if you need a student job...:-)

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