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THE NEW DANISH GOVERNMENT PUSHES FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

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On 13 November Danish voters gave the government in office 4 more years.

One of the earlier initiatives by the Danish government was to finance the establishment of the entrepreneur academy IDEA, which has since 2005 worked to strengthen the conditions for creating more and better entrepreneurs rooted in the further and higher educational system.

In its new government bill, "Society of Possibilities", the Danish government has decided to continue the proactive course towards students on further and higher educations, who are all to be offered education in entrepreneurship.

IDEA approves of the government's proactive course and is looking forward to help working on this important task.

"Society of Possibilities" has not yet been translated into English, but questions regarding the topic can be addressed to Communications Manager Jan Christensen, IDEA, from whom you can also order a copy of the report, which is expected to be translated within the next few months.

**Extract from "Society of Possibilities", chapter 12:
A competitive private sector – Denmark as leading
entrepreneur nation and innovative society.**

Promotion of Entrepreneurship

All students on further and higher educations – as well as on vocational educations – are to be offered education in entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship is also to be part of general high school education. Entrepreneurs and investors are to be offered elite courses in entrepreneurship based on the US example.

The way from idea to patent is to be shorter. The Danish government will set up a committee to examine how risk capital – including the existing government funds in the area – can to a higher extent support the objective of creating more new growth companies.

The government will furthermore examine the possibilities of creating a more coherent guiding system for growth entrepreneurs and small companies.

About IDEA

IDEA is a network organisation so far consisting of 88 institutions, organisations and companies. Objectives and visions are established by the Council and the Management Committee. The national secretariat handle day-to-day operations.

IDEA is financed by state grants as well as donations from both Danfoss and municipalities / counties.

The purpose of IDEA is to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among students and fully trained from higher educations and to increase growth and bridge building to the surrounding society. We do that by financially supporting projects, development activities and research, by doing development work and experience exchange and by developing courses, educations and networks.

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