

5 Innobank

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Short summery:

INNOBANK allows students – and other users – to submit their own ideas to the site. These ideas, seeds of innovation, can be liked (ie Facebook) and commented by other users. The idea of commenting is to iterate the first idea into something even bigger and doable. As the platform is open for all, any educational institute or corporation can participate in this process. Usage of the site doesn't require registration. Service was launched in November 2013. So far there are 59 innovations, 191 comments and thousands of likes. At the moment more than four ideas have been put into practice. INNOBANK is strongly linked to education. The ideas are developed into a practice as a part of studies. It functions as a platform of collaboration between education and working-life. The purpose is that there are movement in both ways; from working-life to education and vice versa. INNOBANK is a tool where students are encouraged to collaborate with each other's, educational institutes and working-life.

Projekt hemsida: <http://www.innopankki.fi/i>

Slide share: <http://library.iated.org/view/KUOPPALA2014OPE>

Summary:

This Innovation bank has received over 65 original ideas which then hundreds of Finnish students have planted and commented on. Some of these ideas have also been raised to the execution phase already.

Argument for nomination:

Innobank is increasing open ideas and communication between students and teachers. It opens the information flow and raises the students' sense of community. Working-life of today and the future requires competences which can't be taught only in traditional way, innobank helps students to gain these soft competences through their own initiative.