

MEASURING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING FOR FIRST-TIME FOUNDERS









OUR PLANS

- Bratislava (SK)
- Warsaw (PL)
- Prague (CZ)
- **%** Budapest (HU)
- **%** London (UK)

8 locations up and running until the end of 2018

















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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

STREAM 1: BLOCKCHAIN & CRYPTOCURRENCIES

DATE	ТОРІС	ТҮРЕ	SPEAKER / COMPANY	TARGET GROUP
5/04/2018	Smart Contracts - Trends and samples of possible implementations in the future	ExpertTalk	Wojciech Kaźmierczak Polish Accelerator of Blockchain Technology	students
7/04/2018	EthWorkshops – Learn how to develop smart contracts	Workshop	EthWorks	developers
12/04/2018	ICO - Everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask	ExpertTalk + Panel Discussion	Polish Accelerator of Blockchain Technology Kancelaria Snażyk Granicki	representatives of universities, students, startup community
24/04/2018	Blockchain - Why your company should start thinking about it now?	ExpertTalk + Panel Discussion	Bartosz Biliński, Wiktor Suchy / Anchor dr Wojciech Kurowski / SGH prof. Krzyszof Piech & Wojciech Kaźmierczak / Polish Accelerator of Blockchain Technology	innovation departments employees and CTOs from big companies and startups
7/05/2018	Blockchain Hotels - How to build community Around an ICO?	ExpertTalk + Panel Discussion	Blockchain Hotels	tech studends, blockchain enthusiasts, startup community
10/05/2018	Smart contract in one evening	Workshop	Polish Accelerator of Blockchain Technology	tech and non-tech students, developers, blockchain enthusiasts
15/05/2018	How to educate in blockchain?	ExpertTalk	Polish Accelerator of Blockchain Technology	tech studends, blockchain enthusiasts, startup community
18-19/05/2018	HACKETH - Ethereum Hackaton	Hackaton	EthWorks Polish Accelerator of Blockchain Technology	blockchain developers & enthusiasts, students



WHERE DO FIRST-TIME FOUNDERS GO?

HOW TO STRUCTURE A MENTORING SESSION?

STEP 1: IDENTYFING NEEDS

- Getting to know your mentee working experience, goals, mindsets, motivations
- Getting to know the idea / project of your mentee genesis, problem the project is solving, progress of the project, currently set goals

STEP 2: IDENTYFING NEEDS

- What does your mentee decided to do first? Where he/she decided to start and why?
- Which competences does your mentee have? Which ones does he/she lack?
- Which resources does your mentee have? Which ones does he/she lack?
- Identifying the fields in which you can help your mentee personally
- Identifying the fields in which you know someone who can help your mentee

STEP 3: WORKING

- Giving feedback to the mentee's project/startup/idea and advising in the field you have expertise in
- Introducing your mentee to the people who can help him/her with the project

STEP 4: NEXT STEPS

- 4 Agreeing on next steps to be undertaken in mentee's project
- Setting priorities for those next steps



STEP 5: CLOSING

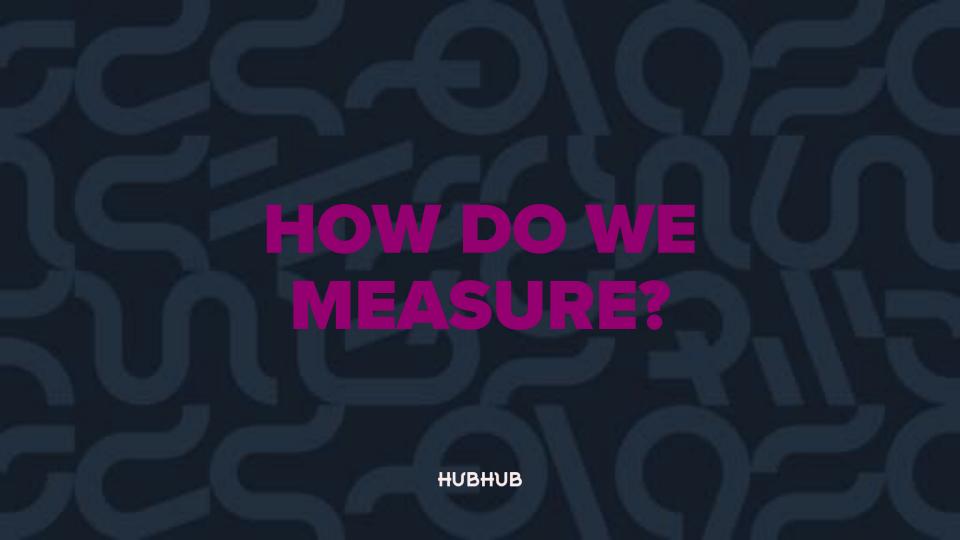
- "Discussing lessons learned from the meeting
- Agreeing on next steps in your one-on-one mentoring relation (eg. making introductions to next mentors)



WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

MAIN GOALS OF MENTORING SESSIONS FOR FIRST-TIME FOUNDERS

- "Helping them in making first steps with their idea/startup/project
- Setting the priorities helping them to define which steps are the most important to be taken next and which could be abandoned



PER EACH MENTEE/PROJECT

- *Number and quality of general goals and assumptions set for the project those can change and evolve during mentoring process
- 1/2 Number of mentoring meetings mentee has taken part in
- 1/1 Number of potential customer interviews mentee has undertaken
- Number and quality of findings mentee has discovered during interviews with potential customers

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PER EACH MENTEE/PROJECT

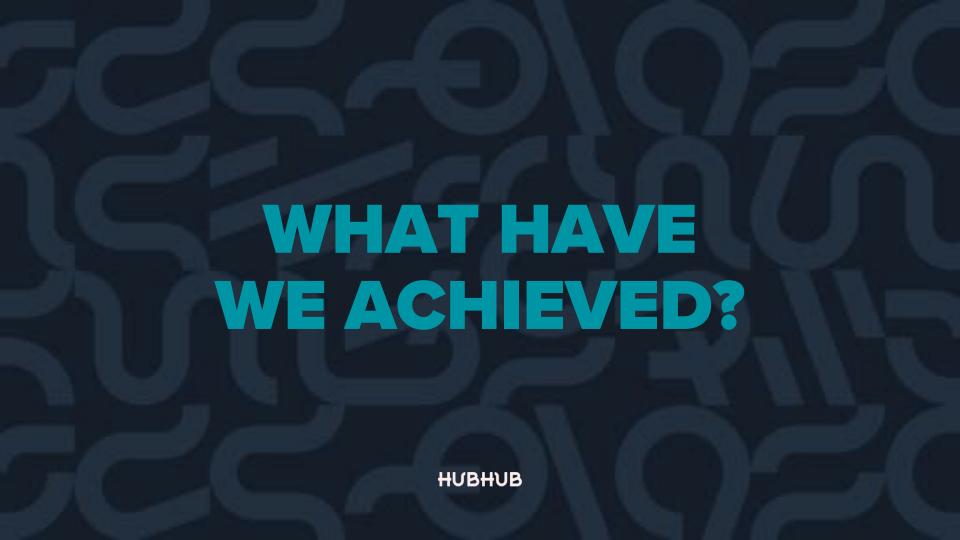
- % Number and type of activities mentee undertakes by himself
- 1/2 Number and type of activities mentee undertakes thanks to the mentor

PER EACH ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING SESSION

- 1/2 Number and quality of changes in goals and assumptions for the project
- Number and quality of next steps agreed (identified as the most important)
- Number and quality of actions abandoned (identified as not important or less important)
- Number and quality of new connections established by the mentor for mentee

PER EACH ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING SESSION

- Number and quality of new opportunities and ideas discovered during the session with mentor
- Number and quality of new threats for the project discovered during the session with mentor
- Subjective assessment of the mentor on the overall progress of the project



KEY RESULTS

- 12 founders mentored
- 2 have proceeded to building product or service they wanted
- 1 have formed a team and joined an acceleration programme
- 6 of them are still verifying their idea using customer development process and lean startup methodology to find discover business model
- 3 of mentored founders have gave up or paused working on their project

LESSONS LEARNED

- There is a lot of talented and devoted to work hard people who would like to start their own project/startup, but they don't know who they should talk about it.
- If someone is inexperienced in building businesses it does not mean we should give him/her special treatment. Business-sense-honesty and reality checks are very important since day 1.

LESSONS LEARNED

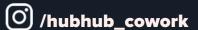
Mentoring does not always have to be a formal coffee meeting. Think how you can build a better and more natural relation with your mentee - go for a walk, run or a bike trip.

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