

**Agreement on annual summer course "AU-HU Joint Summer University"**  
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**Parties to the agreement:**

**Ringkøbing-Skjern municipality (RKSJK)**  
Ved Fjorden 6  
6950 Ringkøbing

**Vestjysk Landbohøveling (VL)**  
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6950 Ringkøbing

**Innovest**  
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**Aarhus University (AU)**  
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**Hokkaido University (HU)**  
Sapporo 060-8589  
Japan

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate a study week for the annual summer course at RKSJK. The course is a link between theory and practice, which gives university students the opportunity to think about and learn how theories are applied to practice.

**1. Commencement and duration**

This agreement shall take effect upon signature of all parties and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years, unless one of the institutions notifies its intent to terminate at least three (3) years prior to the expiration date. It will thereafter be automatically renewed every five (5) years unless one of the institutions notifies its intent to terminate at least one (1) year prior to the expiration date.

If a party wishes to withdraw, the other Parties have the right to continue the project and can unanimously decide to allow a new party to join the summer school. The other parties can make it a requirement that the withdrawing Party comply with specific conditions, e.g. a postponement of the time of withdrawal of the Party, continued use during the term of this agreement of the withdrawing party's tangible or intangible contributions to the summer school.

**2. Program development and organization**

The program will be developed through the collaboration of AU, HU, VL, Innovest and RKSJK.

AU and HU are responsible for recruiting the students and to the largest extent possible securing credit approval at the respective universities. VL ensures the connection to practice; Innovest provides a bridge to the local firms, and RKSJK to the authorities. Likewise, RKSJK will be the host town for the study week. AU, HU, VL, Innovest and RKSJK each designate one person to the executive committee that will oversee and facilitate implementation of the summer course. Likewise, the executive committee is responsible for improvement and adaptation of the course to the requirements at any time. Each party shall hold its own cost and travel expenses for its representative's participation of the annual summer course.

The executive committee elects the secretariat among the parties. The secretariat coordinates the implementation of the study week.

This Agreement does not create a legal entity with the parties as participants, and the parties and/or the secretariat therefore cannot bind each other vis-à-vis a third party.

**3. Student charge and tuition fees**  
Students will be responsible for paying board and lodging, expenses for excursions, and any fees required by the host institution. These costs for students should be kept at a minimum.

The period and the final price for the study week each year must be provided to AU and HU before the 1<sup>st</sup> of November in the preceding year.

Students are responsible for having adequate medical and accident insurance, as required by the host institution, for the duration of the course.

Date: 24/10-16

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Mayor

Ringkøbing-Skjern municipality

Date:

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Innovest

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