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Dear Alumni,

1. Greetings from the chairperson

Dear Alumni,

Spring is moving fast and Wappu is just around the corner! Soon after, we will gather students, alumni, and the department for the Prodeko 60 Seminar, centered on an exciting theme: *Building the Next Wave of Growth*. The Prodeko 60 Manifesto has been developed collaboratively across the Prodeko community, and we will finalize it together at the seminar. We will also hold our official Spring Meeting just before the seminar program starts.

In this newsletter, you will find more information about Diskonttaus – VIP ticket sales open already on May 1. To mark our 60th anniversary, we will celebrate for the first time in two locations simultaneously, coming together at the joint afterparty and Sillis. We have an awesome team working on this main celebration already, but if you would like to contribute (and thus ensure your spot at the party), ping me, Lauri, Perttu or Ansku from the Alumni Board.

And there's more to come: take a look at the event calendar, from Puolipitkä – with a few last-minute spots still available and visits to six companies in the Finnish Lakeland – to PoRa Sail, where the rainbow colors extend all the way to Croatia.

We look forward to seeing you at Ullis at the Prodeko Wappu Champagnes next week! If you haven't picked up your Alumni point card yet (see the previous newsletter), you can get one from the Prodeko tent around noon on May 1. And there's a Wappu afterparty - see below for further details!

Best regards,
-Mailiina

2. Greetings from Prodeko Ventures

Dear Prodeko Alumni!

At the end of March, the 10th Annual General Meeting of Prodeko Ventures was held (link to minutes in the emailed newsletter).

The Annual General Meeting decided on both
(1) **a return of capital** to current owners made possible by PV's investment returns, and
(2) **a new share issue** to collect fresh capital and expand the ownership base.

By investing in Prodeko Ventures, you support Prodeko-based entrepreneurship. Prodeko Ventures has participated in the growth stories of 48 companies during its 10 years. The total value of the invested capital is clearly positive (2025 TVPI: 1.08) and the portfolio's NAV value has grown during the previous three years (link to PV strategy 2026 in the emailed newsletter).

The previous two share issues have brought approximately 200 alumni members as owners and enablers of PV. Now it is time to once again open the opportunity for new owners to join, as well as for old owners to participate with additional subscriptions to support PV's continuity and Prodeko-based entrepreneurship. The share issue is directed to the members of Prodeko Alumni ry and the Guild of Industrial Engineering and Management Prodeko ry (or their personal investment companies).

- The subscription price is €1.6/share - the price is calculated according to the fair value of the portfolio.
- The minimum subscription is 3,000 shares (€4,800).

If you wish to subscribe for shares in the new share issue, you can provide your indicative subscription notice here by May 31, 2026, using the survey form (link to survey form in the emailed newsletter).

Current shareholders will be informed separately regarding the return of capital (i.e., the distribution of returns from previous investment activities).

If you have any questions, please contact [board\[at\]prodekoventures.com](mailto:board@prodekoventures.com)!

Springy greetings,

The Board of Prodeko Ventures

3. Upcoming events

- **Puolipitkä, i.e. Prodeko Alumni Leadership Summit 7.-9.5.**
 - Still a few last minute spots available - sign up [here](#).
- **Prodeko Seminar + spring meeting 22.5.**

- The seminar is fully booked, but you can sign up to the waiting list [here](#), there's always a few last-minute cancellations. If you only want to attend the spring meeting, that's possible without attending the seminar.
- **Place Y - September**
- **PorAlumniSail 5.-12.9.** - more info in this newsletter
- **Prodeko 60 documentary film premiere 2.10.**
- **Diskonttaus 9.10.** - more info in this newsletter
- **Annual fall meeting - November**
- **Pig party - November - for Freshers from 2016, 2006, 1996, 1986 etc.**

4. Prodeko Alumni Wappu 2026

Wappu eve - 30.4.2026

In Otaniemi, Wappurieha will be announced between noon and 2 pm at Servin Mökki. No sign-up needed.

After that, you are welcome to attend the first traditional Wappusima of the School of Science - sign-up is needed!

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Otakaari 1, Hall B

Sign-up: <https://www.aalto.fi/fi/tapahtumat/perustieteiden-korkeakoulun-alumni-vappusimat>

First of May 🎉🍷 - Ullis

Prodeko Alumni Champagne - come and meet fellow alumni and students at Prodeko tent and have a glass of champagne! Bring your own glass, or buy a special Prodeko 60th Anniversary Glass.

If you don't have your own Alumni card yet, you can also get it from the Prodeko stand!

No sign-up needed to this one, just show up!

Prodeko 60 Wappu doesn't stop 🎉

After Ullis, there's no need to figure out what's next — to celebrate the anniversary year, we've got a private ferry taking you straight to Otaniemi 🚢🌟 The ferry departs at 18:00 from the Ullanlinnanmäki pier, so just hop on and keep the party going.

And it doesn't end there... after the ride, the night continues with legendary Ullis afterparty vibes at the Otaranta rooftop sauna 🧖‍♀️. Expect a hot sauna, cold drinks, good music, and even better company all the way into the night 🌙

Huom: This is a different event from the ferry to Helsinki on 30.5.

What: Ferry to Otaniemi + afterparty 🚢🎵

Where: 1.5. After Ullis, departing from Ullanlinnanmäki

Signup: <https://ilmo.prodeko.org/event/2026-5-1-prodeko-60-ullislautta>

When: 18:00 🕒

Who: Students, Alumni + max 1 avec per Alumni

5. Invitation: Prodeko Alumni ry spring meeting, 22.5.2026 at Hype Arena

The annual meeting will be organized in combination with the Prodeko Seminar on May 22nd at 13:00-13:45 at Hype Areena, Vanha Jorvaksentie 3, 02320 Espoo. The exact meeting room will be announced at the venue.

Agenda:

- 1) Opening of the meeting
- 2) Election of the meeting chairperson, secretary, two inspectors of the minutes and their personal deputies, and two vote counters.
- 3) Confirmation of the legality and quorum of the meeting
- 4) Approval of the agenda
- 5) Presentation of the financial statements, annual report, and auditors' statement
- 6) Decision on the approval of the financial statements and granting discharge from liability to the board and other responsible parties
- 7) Decision on additional investment to Prodeko Ventures by Prodekon Alumni ry
- 8) Closing of the meeting
- 9) Outside the official agenda: presentation of aTalent Oy - a company owned by Prodeko ry, Prodekon Alumni ry and KY ry, by CEO Niklas Huotari.

The meeting materials will be available closer to the meeting (link to materials in the emailed newsletter). If you wish to receive more details, you can contact Mailiina Turanlahti (mailiina (at) iki dot fi).

6. Diskonttaus - Prodeko 60

Dear Alumni,

We would like to warmly welcome you to Prodeko's 60th anniversary celebration on Friday, 9 October 2026!

In honour of the anniversary, Diskonttaus will expand to several venues. The celebration hosted by the Guild and aimed at students and new alumni will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a cocktail event at the Museum of Technology (Viikintie 1, 00560 Helsinki), from where it will be transported to the academic table party. The evening party for more experienced alumni, hosted by the Prodeko Alumni Board, will begin at approximately 5 p.m. with a cocktail event at the event house Bank (Unioninkatu 20, 00130 Helsinki), after which the evening will continue with an academic table party.

After both main celebrations, we will move on to a joint afterparty. On Saturday 10 October, Sillis will be celebrated in a joyful atmosphere in Otaniemi.

The first registration for Diskonttaus opens on May Day 1.5 at 12.00 in Ilmokilke (<https://ilmo.prodeko.org/event/2026-10-9-diskonttaus-60:-alumni-vip>) and closes on 22.5 at 23.59. In this May registration, you can secure your place in the celebration and show your support for Prodeko by buying a VIP ticket.

VIP Silver is a 500 euro support ticket that also ensures a VIP level experience. VIP Gold is a 1000 euro support ticket that gives you VIP Silver features and e.g. your own party transport to a cocktail event. Both ticket types include a cocktail event, main party, afterparty and sillis.

The second ticket sales will open in the autumn on 17 August, when basic tickets will be available. The price of the alumni basic ticket is a maximum of 200 €, including the cocktail event, the main party and the afterparty. Sillis tickets can be purchased in the autumn at the

time of registration for 25 €. We will send more information about the second ticket sales closer to the registration time.

Avecs are also welcome to the celebration. If you want to bring an avec to the celebration, you can buy a ticket for your companion either in the May or August alumni registration.

The dress code is a formal dress with academic decorations.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Diskonttaus ringmasters by e-mail vuosijuhlat[at]prodeko.org or on Telegram [at]elinakarkkainen or [at]iirisleino.

A warm welcome!

7. PoRa Sail 5.–12.9. 🚢

Water calls PoRa and PoRa answers. PoRa and PoRALumni will join their crews and sail away together to the sunsets of Croatia. Gather your crew and join the PoRa flotilla.

WHEN AND WHERE?

5.-12.9.

Sailing starts 6.9. from Trogir Harbor, Croatia.

HOW?

Step 1. Gather your crew

Step 2. Find/rent sailing boat and skipper from Trogir

Step 3. Send a message to Chrisu christine.korjus[at]gmail.com with subject "PoRALumni Sail" and tell names, emails and phone numbers of people joining.

More detailed instructions:

1. Boats typically fit 8-12 persons. Ask your friends, or post to alumni facebook whatsapp etc. Remember that the skipper also needs a place.
2. Find a skipper: You need a skipper with KVHV-papers or then you can rent boat with skipper.
3. Book the boat. We used <https://www.boataround.com/> but there are others too.
4. Book the flights.
5. Plan your foods (we will share our boats plan when its done)
6. Plan the route. Chrisu will share what is the students' route, but feel free to make your own.
6. Arrive to site.
7. Enjoy.

Chrisu will share info between students and alumni so we can coordinate our movements, but alumni crews are responsible themselves when they come and go and how their trips go in practice. You can choose if you follow the exact same route or just partially. Students will plan the route around August and Chrisu will tell when there is more info.

8. Greetings from the Guild

It has been an exciting start of the 60th anniversary year for the guild. Since the Prodeko 60 kick-off business has been as usual: the annual general meeting was held and during KPP we had the pleasure to visit Jyväskylä, Vaasa and Tampere and experience their student culture. Now the spotlight is on Wappu, which is only days away! The wappu sitsit will be organized in Smökki on April the 24th as has been the tradition for the last couple of years. The Wappu day in Ullanlinnanmäki will include new additions in the spirit of the anniversary year, hope to see you all there over skumppa!

-Aaron

9. aTalent update

aTalent's year 2026 has started off great

aTalent's Annual General Meeting was held last week. The year 2025 ended – after a first half (H1) that went brilliantly, but followed by a challenging second half (H2) – ultimately with a slight loss: approximately -€20k. The business volume was the 3rd highest in history: €3.9M in adjusted net sales.

The Annual General Meeting decided to distribute a total of 33,000 euros in dividends to the owners from the distributable funds accumulated in previous years. From the Board of Directors, Johanna Rantanen stepped down and was replaced by Hanna-Kaisa Sävelkoski, who has a Prodeko background – a warm welcome to the team!

The year 2026 has started off excellently: we have exceeded all our goals for Q1 and the result since then is strongly in the positives. Additionally, we have just launched our new service entity, executive search. Individual executive recruitments have been successfully carried out at the request of clients before, but now we are beginning to do it more systematically. We specialize particularly in the leaders of the rising generation, where we have a completely exceptional network, reach, and competitive advantage in Finland. So, if you are looking for new blood for your own management team, you can find it here!

Happy spring to everyone!

Niklas Huotari CEO

10. Alumni data update

Hey alumni! Please update your contact information to [matrikkeli](#) – takes only a few minutes! Especially if you have founded or co-founded a company, please add the company to your work experience and tap on the “I am a founding member”. This way Prodeko and the Department will be able to keep track of Prodeko founded companies. Thank you!