## Valuation: Berkus Method (ENG)

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Sound Idea	Basic value of the idea	
Prototype	Stage of the product (idea or concept, prototype, MVP, finished product)	
Quality Management Team	Experience, skills, and ability of the team and key personnel to execute the idea	
Strategic Relationships	Status of important partnerships	
Product Rollout or Sales	The stage of the product's market launch	
Total		

Comparison startup



Date

Example Ltd	100

Factor	Description	Value (€)
Sound Idea	Basic value of the idea	130 000
Prototype	Stage of the product (idea or concept, prototype, MVP, finished product)	120 000
Quality Management Team	Experience, skills, and ability of the team to execute the idea	100 000
Strategic Relationships	Status of important partnerships	50 000
Product Rollout or Sales	The stage of the product's market launch	30 000
Total		430 000



## **Berkus Method -instructions 1/2**

The Berkus Method is a tool used to estimate the value of a startup in its early pre-revenue stage, when the company does not yet have cash flow. The method is based on five factors, each assigned a monetary value. Each factor represents max 20% of the company's value, and the total valuation is determined by summing the individual factor values. Follow these steps:

- 1. Choose a comparison valuation that reflects the average startup valuation in the same industry and geographic region. Enter this comparison valuation in the top box, e.g., 1 000 000 €.
- 2. Fill in the "Value" column for each row with 0-20% of the chosen comparison valuation, depending on how well you estimate your startup performs in relation to that specific factor. For example, with a comparison valuation of 1 000 000€, one factor would range from 0 € to 200 000 €. Refer to the detailed factor-specific assessment instructions on the next page.
- 3. Calculate the company's total valuation by summing the values for all the factors.

NOTE! Berkus Method is an indicative tool for early-stage valuation. A more accurate valuation requires more detailed analyses.



## **Berkus Method -instructions 2/2**

- 1. **Sound Idea**: 0-50 000€: Basic idea with limited market potential without clear differentiation. 50 000-100 000€: Promising idea that would solve an identifiable problem and has received early validation. 100 000-150 000€: Strong concept with significant market potential and innovation value, as well as a clear competitive edge. 150 000-200 000€: Exceptional idea that solves a critical, widespread problem with high market potential and has good chances for execution.
- 2. **Prototype:** 0-50 000€: An early-stage concept that requires significant development. 50 000-100 000€: A partially developed prototype showing promise but needing further development. 100 000-150 000€: A functional prototype that has received positive user feedback. 150 000-200 000€: A fully functional prototype, market-ready, and receiving highly positive feedback.
- 3. Quality Management Team: 0-50 000€: The team has limited experience, and key personnel are missing. 50 000-100 000€: The team has some experience and skills but with noticeable gaps. 100 000-150 000€: The team has significant experience and skills but may still need additional resources. 150 000-200 000€: The team has substantial experience, expertise, and a clear vision for business execution.
- 4. Strategic Relationships: 0-50 000€: Potential partners identified, but no significant progress has been made. 50 000-100 000€: Initial discussions with partners are ongoing, and some supportive relationships exist. 100 000-150 000€: Established partnerships provide moderate market support. 150 000-200 000€: Established partnerships provide substantial market support and actively aid the business.
- 5. **Product Roll-out or Sales:** 0-50 000€: The product is in the launch phase but has no sales or significant market traction yet. 50 000-100 000€: The product has been launched, with early-stage sales showing promise. 100 000-150 000€: The product has been launched and generates moderate revenue with positive customer feedback. 150 000-200 000€: The product has been launched and generates significant revenue with positive customer feedback.

