

New start-up Podio comes out of stealth mode and lands angel investment and new CEO

Tommy Ahlers, the founder of ZYB which was sold for €31 million to Vodafone in 2008, has now left the British telecom giant and returned to the start-up world. The target for his energy and experiences is Podio, the maker of an innovative work platform. Podio has been around for 1,5 years but has flown under the radar until this week.

“When I first heard about Podio back in April I was not on the lookout for my next big project. I was heading for the beach giving myself some time with the family and maybe invest in a couple of projects” says Tommy Ahlers. But after having spent some time with the team and after researching the market Tommy was hooked. A few months later he invested in Podio and joined as CEO.

“Podio is a very ambitious project that already has gained significant traction with hundreds of paying organisations and a solid product. Podio’s ‘work platform’ addresses many of the issues I’ve seen myself, with the way most of us work today. What really convinced me about this project is the ability for people to build their own apps without any technical knowledge. When you add this to the overall flexibility of the system you have something really powerful” continues Tommy Ahlers.

Tommy Ahlers, formally started as CEO on August 1, but has been involved with the team since June “A lot has happened during the last 3 months. We have attracted some really good people from all over Europe and the team soon counts more than 12 people, we have moved to new (and bigger) offices, and we have added some great features and we are building a much more robust platform. Over the next few months we will release an impressive set of improvements, open up our API and accelerate our internationalization by employing people on the ground in several countries.”

“A big vision requires leadership and execution. From our initial discussion it has been a dream match, almost too good to be true to pair up Tommy’s experience and leadership with the product and vision of Podio” remarks Thomas Madsen-Mygdal, Chairman of Podio.

Podio is coming out of stealth mode and is now open via invitations – either from Podio or from existing users.

About Podio

Podio is global startup with the ambition to change how we all work. Funded by angel investors, currently employing 12 people from six different countries.

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