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## **ista apre il nuovo centro tecnologico ad Essen**

**Essen, 29 Maggio 2017. Le tecnologie digitali all'avanguardia per l'efficienza energetica negli edifici sono state create in "ista Technikum" nel quartiere ovest di Essen. L'azienda sta ulteriormente espandendo il suo ruolo come conduttrice dell'innovazione digitale.**

Tutti i prodotti ista – dai dispositivi di misurazione digitale del calore ai dispositivi di rilevazione del fumo, verranno d'ora in avanti sviluppati nel nuovo centro tecnologico.

L'azienda sta riunendo l'intero reparto di Sviluppo & Ricerca dal concetto iniziale alla maturità del mercato, in un'unica location. ista vuole posizionarsi nel miglior modo per supportare i suoi clienti dell'industria edile di tutto il mondo nella digitalizzazione degli edifici.

A questo fine, il fornitore di servizi energetici si propone per il futuro di dare ai 75 dipendenti del centro tecnologico libertà per lo sviluppo indipendente di nuove idee e nuovi concetti, come una start up. *"Nel nostro nuovo Technikum, stiamo lavorando sulle soluzioni innovative e attrattive per l'edificio intelligente"* dice Jochen Schein, Chief Operating Officer di ista (COO).

ista investe oltre 100 milioni di euro negli apparecchi digitali e nelle infrastrutture ogni anno. Oggi l'azienda ha già investito 16 milioni nei cosiddetti "dispositivi connessi".

400.000 di questi dispositivi vengono aggiunti ogni mese.

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Ulteriori servizi per l'edificio multifamiliare smart verranno aggiunti in futuro.

## Opening of ista's Technikum



**Future Lab? What does that actually mean? It's very simple: we would already like to tackle the technologies and customer requirements of tomorrow today so we can offer attractive, cutting-edge innovations. This is one of the reasons why we have now set up our own technology centre in Essen, the "Technikum".**

"Technikum". Some of you are already familiar with the name, others will perhaps be hearing it for the first, but definitely not the last time today. What's behind it? Since the beginning of April, ista has had its own technology centre where some 75 experts develop and test our devices of tomorrow and prepare them for production. Following the move, the official opening of the facility came at the beginning of May. The Technikum was inaugurated together with colleagues from head office, project partners and landlords.

"Technologies are developing at an ever faster pace. We have to keep up and position ourselves proactively. The new Technikum is therefore an important "base station" for the 1-2-4 initiative, Future Lab," says Jochen Schein, COO of ista International, talking about the reasons behind the new technology centre. He explained that those responsible soon realised that our own technology facility with its special requirements would not fit in the new head office building in Essen. Nevertheless, the location of the technology centre definitely had to be close to headquarters.

"We are very satisfied with the premises which we found in Paul-Klinger-Strasse in the centre of Essen. They give us the space necessary to install and operate the required testing and calibration equipment and also provide a modern and communicative working environment for our employees. And it's not far to head office, either," says a delighted Achim Dicke, Head of the Products department and Head of the Technikum, reporting

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on the successful search for a new location.

The Technikum will be the nerve centre of ista's entire product development. All departments directly involved in the product development process are sitting at the one location: from electronics and mechanics development to quality management and industrialisation. Some Products colleagues have also moved from Au to Essen. Parallel to this, the competence centre for the production of heat meters is being created in Au.

What will happen in the Technikum in future, how individual test runs and the necessary equipment work and how a 0.5-millimetre part can be soldered onto a circuit board - these were all things that those attending the Technikum opening could see for themselves. For after the official addresses by Jochen Schein and Achim Dicke, the colleagues from the Technikum organised several guided tours around the building. Product development steps and machines were explained at various stops on the tour and the visitors were given interesting insights into ista's product development. A really successful start to a new technological age!

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