

Daikin Slovakia opens unique dual training center in the CE region

Bratislava, April 2024 – The Dual Academy, the private vocational school for the automotive sector in Bratislava, has expanded its educational offerings in close collaboration with Daikin Slovakia: The grand opening of the **unique new training centre for future technologies** marks a new era of vocational training, aimed at bringing **sought-after professionals in the fields of heating and refrigeration technology, as well as renewable energy**, into the job market.

Students from the Dual Academy and participants in requalification courses can learn on one of the **largest hydraulic walls in the CE region**. This new educational offer supports practical training for heating and cooling applications within a 4-year program. The first two years focus on general education, while the last two years foster the technical skills for the heating and cooling industry. Graduates thereby become sought-after professionals to drive the decarbonization of buildings and other applications.

Great interest at the opening

The opening of the training centre was attended by more than 130 guests, including representatives from the Slovak government, industry and the media. Among them were Kamil Šaško, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Branislav Ondruš, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, Róbert Zsembera, the State Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic, as well as the Mayor of Devínská Nová Ves, Dárius Krajčír.

Speakers included the President of the Dual Academy, Renata Valeková, the Member of the Board of Directors of Volkswagen Slovakia, Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl, the Chairman of the Employers' Council for Vocational Education and Training, Andrej Hutta, and Vladimír Orovnický, Managing Director of Daikin Slovakia and President of the Slovak Association for Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heat Pumps.



“Today, there is a lack of qualified heat pump installers to achieve the ambitious goals of decarbonizing buildings and processes. Therefore, Daikin Slovakia, together with the Dual Academy Slovakia, has developed an unparalleled training center for heating and cooling systems as well as renewable energy. For students, it is a unique offering in the CE region providing not only a solid vocational education but also requalification courses to empower new professionals for the HVAC industry. With this, we aim to contribute to a skilled labor market and create new career opportunities for heat pump installers” says **Vladimír Orovnický**. The new secondary vocational trainings centre is also part of the Daikin Central Europe Academy, a comprehensive trainings offer for Daikin employees and Daikin partners in the CE-region.

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About

100 years Daikin

The story of Daikin has always been shaped by groundbreaking ideas, technological innovations, and dedicated people. It began in 1924 when the young Japanese engineer Akira Yamada founded an enterprise in Osaka to manufacture aircraft radiators with a 15-member team. Today, 100 years later, the Daikin Industries Ltd. group brings future-proof solutions for heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification, and refrigeration to global markets. More than 96,000 employees in 173 countries continue the company's legacy of leading technologies to advance low carbon heating and cooling, while ensuring the highest level of comfort. In fiscal year 2022 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023) the Daikin group achieved € 28.2 billion sales turnover worldwide.

Daikin Airconditioning Central Europe

Daikin Airconditioning Central Europe was founded in 1999 with headquarters in Vienna, Austria, as a subsidiary of Daikin Europe N.V. The company's portfolio comprises products and solutions for heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification and refrigeration. More than 700 employees and 2,500 partners are responsible for sales and service activities in 16 countries in Central and Eastern Europe (Austria, Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, Moldova, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia). With Your Daikin World at the Vienna headquarters, the HVAC-R industry and the construction sector have access to a modern experience center for co-creating tailor-made solutions for hotels, retail, offices, and large commercial applications. It also includes one out of nine training centers in the region of Daikin Central Europe.

Daikin Europe N.V.

Daikin Europe N.V. is a subsidiary of the global group Daikin Industries, and the leading provider of heating, cooling, ventilation, air purification and refrigeration (HVAC&R) technology in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Daikin designs, manufactures, and brings to market a broad portfolio of products, maintenance services as well as turnkey solutions for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes. To date Daikin Europe has over 13,700 employees across more than 57 consolidated subsidiaries. It has 14 manufacturing facilities based in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, the United Kingdom, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The headquarters of the Daikin Europe group are in Ostend, Belgium. The company was established in 1972, production in Europe started in 1973.



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