

# Endress+Hauser opens innovation cluster

## Group bundles teams for sensor and software development in the Freiburg Innovation Center

**Endress+Hauser has inaugurated its new premises at the Freiburg Innovation Center FRIZ. There, more than 70 employees of the Swiss group of companies specializing in measurement technology are involved in the development of new sensor technologies and software solutions. The various teams work closely together and are embedded in an innovative environment of research institutes, start-ups and other companies.**

The FRIZ is located on the grounds of the Technical Faculty of the University of Freiburg, Germany. The building complex was completed in 2022 after two years of construction and offers more than 12,000 square meters of space for modern and flexible offices and laboratories. Endress+Hauser is the largest tenant and currently occupies around 2,400 square meters of office space on two floors and another 1,000 square meters on the ground floor for chemical and biological laboratories and clean rooms.

### **Different disciplines and technologies**

The company is bringing together six units in the FRIZ that were previously spread across the city. Together, they combine a wide range of disciplines and technologies: one team is working on solutions for the Industrial Internet of Things, for example to intelligently link software and sensor technology; another is working on optical analysis technology that can be used to monitor fermentation processes, for instance. A third team is looking at sensor and measurement technology of the future, including replacing the human sense of smell.

Jobst Technologies, part of the Swiss subsidiary Innovative Sensor Technology IST, develops, produces and sells biosensors. Endress+Hauser BioSense, a joint venture with Hahn-Schickard-Gesellschaft, a nonprofit research association, specializes in rapid on-site molecular analyses that can be used, for example, in the food & beverage industry. To protect innovations from imitators, a small team of patent specialists is also present on campus.

### **Working on tomorrow's measurement technology**

CEO Matthias Altendorf sees the new location as a "breeding ground for the measurement technology of tomorrow". The various disciplines on the campus should complement and stimulate each other, and the proximity to research provides additional impetus. "Innovation often arises at the interfaces, where we enter into exchange with partners from science and industry. By opening up to the university and its institutes, research facilities, spin-offs and other companies, we increase these points of contact."

Endress+Hauser celebrated the inauguration of the new innovation cluster with numerous guests, the site's employees and representatives from the shareholder family and the Group. The new rooms in the FRIZ will in future be adorned with a work by glass artist Britta Schmidhauser, which symbolically locates the fields of activity of the various Endress+Hauser units in Freiburg. A summer party in a relaxed atmosphere rounded off the occasion, musically accompanied by the campus band Transistors.



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Endress+Hauser inaugurated its new site at the Freiburg Innovation Center FRIZ. The Group bundles various research and development activities there. Pictured (from left): Dr Mirko Lehmann (Managing Director Endress+Hauser Flow), Hans-Jürgen Huber (Managing Director Endress+Hauser Digital Solutions Germany), Dr Klaus Endress (Supervisory Board President of the Endress+Hauser Group), Stefan Breiter (Mayor of Finances of the city of Freiburg) and Matthias Altendorf (CEO of the Endress+Hauser Group).



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More than 70 Endress+Hauser employees work on new sensor and measurement technologies at the Freiburg Innovation Center FRIZ.



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Endress+Hauser celebrated the inauguration of the new innovation cluster in Freiburg, Germany, with guests and employees. A summer party in a relaxed atmosphere rounded off the event.

## **The Endress+Hauser Group**

Endress+Hauser is a global leader in measurement and automation technology for process and laboratory applications. The family company, headquartered in Reinach, Switzerland, achieved net sales of more than 3.3 billion euros in 2022 with a total workforce of nearly 16,000.

Endress+Hauser devices, solutions and services are at home in many industries. Customers thus use them to gain valuable knowledge from their applications. This enables them to improve their products, work economically and at the same time protect people and the environment.

Endress+Hauser is a reliable partner worldwide. Its own sales companies in more than 50 countries as well as representatives in another 70 countries ensure competent support. Production facilities on four continents manufacture quickly and flexibly to the highest quality standards.

Endress+Hauser was founded in 1953 by Georg H Endress and Ludwig Hauser. Ever since, the company has been pushing ahead with the development and use of innovative technologies, now helping to shape the industry's digital transformation. 8,700 patents and applications protect the Group's intellectual property.

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