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Being close to the customer with automation expertise

**SCHUNK opens CoLabs in Poland and Spain**

**SCHUNK is further expanding the automation expertise of its subsidiaries in Spain and Poland with new robot application centers. Here, the technology pioneer implements its customers' automation steps individually and close to reality — ensuring a risk-free start and more efficient production processes.**

Automation is a crucial factor for remaining competitive and producing efficiently. At its robot application centers, SCHUNK accompanies its customers in tackling their tasks and jointly develops jointly develops validated recommendations to increase productivity. SCHUNK is now expanding its network to include new locations in Katowice (Poland) and Gipuzkoa (Spain), bringing the total number of CoLabs worldwide to 15. In Poland, the focus during the opening on December 11, 2024, was primarily on robot-assisted deburring. Many processing steps can be automated in this area, increasing efficiency while simultaneously addressing the shortage of skilled professionals. The Spanish CoLab opened on December 3, 2024, with participation from leading robotics partners such as ABB, KUKA, and Universal Robots. As a special guest, Influencer Vanessa Loiola, also known as "The Robot Queen," shared her expert knowledge and inspired the attendees.

“With the new CoLabs, we are not only expanding our global expertise, but also strengthen our position as a reliable partner in the automation industry,” emphasizes Johannes Ketter, COO/CSO of SCHUNK. “This is a crucial step towards making automation as simple and efficient as possible for our customers. We firmly believe that innovations are best created through collaborative partnerships on equal footing.“

**CoLab – the robot application center from SCHUNK**

The expansion of the CoLab network allows to be on site for customers worldwide, to provide individual support and respond quickly to specific requirements. The CoLabs are a crucial building block for the planning and implementation of industrial automation and robotics applications. From the validation to specific support by application engineers, both, automation starters and experienced professionals benefit from this unique service. Planned applications can be tested in real conditions before purchase, minimizing risk and maximizing results. Interested customers can contact the SCHUNK field sales advisors directly for validation.

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**Captions:**

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|  | Opening of the SCHUNK CoLabs in Eibar, Spain: Together with leading robotics partners such as ABB, KUKA, and Universal Robots, SCHUNK is setting new benchmarks for automated solutions on site.  Image: SCHUNK |
| *CoLab\_Eröffnung\_Spanien\_12\_2024 (2).jpgX* | |
| Ein Bild, das Kleidung, Mann, Person, Anzug enthält.  Automatisch generierte Beschreibung | Grand opening of the SCHUNK CoLabs in Katowice, Poland: (f.l.t.r.) Jacek Smoluch (Mitsubishi Electric), Artur Główka (KUKA), Tomasz Nowak (KUKA), Marcin Lesiak (SCHUNK), Jędrzej Kowalczyk (FANUC), Krzysztof Sieczka (SCHUNK), Artur Wojewoda (YASKAWA)  Image: SCHUNK |
| *CoLab\_Eröffnung\_Polen\_12\_2024 (34).jpg* | |
| Ein Bild, das Im Haus, Maschine, Job, Forschungsinstrument enthält.  Automatisch generierte Beschreibung | The SCHUNK team in Poland presented innovative solutions such as robot-assisted deburring.  Image: SCHUNK |
| *CoLab\_Eröffnung\_Polen\_12\_2024 (42).jpg* | |

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