

Press Release

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Students from Augsburg University of Applied Sciences and SGL Carbon employees develop concepts for agile workspaces in a “hackathon”

SGL Carbon employees and students from Augsburg University of Applied Sciences joined five interdisciplinary teams to develop concepts for designing agile working areas. Learning from each other, inspiring each other, developing innovative solutions and having fun at the same time - that is the approach of the hackathon. This event format made it possible to develop several concepts that are ready for implementation in just one weekend.

"As SGL Carbon, we support our customers in finding solutions for the major future issues of mobility, energy and digitization. Speed and entrepreneurship play an increasingly decisive role in this. Thus, we are increasingly focusing on agile work. Small and self-organized teams work together with customers to achieve a clear goal and do this more and more often across our sites. This also requires new spatial concepts beyond the classic meeting and office spaces," says Christian Meyer, who is responsible for digitization at SGL Carbon.

Professor Christian Bauriedel from the Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering at Augsburg University of Applied Sciences explains: "The cooperation brings our students invaluable experience and new opportunities for their further professional success. At the same time, SGL Carbon can benefit from the innovative ideas of the young, highly motivated participants. Everyone is very satisfied with the result, I think a synergy project can't run any better."

In the end, five very good results were available - only details such as the immediate feasibility were decisive. The award-winning concept includes standardised modules measuring 60 x 60 x 220 cm with integrated multimedia elements, interactive surfaces and storage space for seating elements and tables. The modules can be combined with one another and used as partition walls. The idea makes it possible to design both small, enclosed workspaces and flexible, open workspaces, thus distinguishing it from the concepts of competing teams. The concept is now being considered for the design of premises at the SGL Carbon sites in Meitingen, Wiesbaden and Bonn. In addition, it is planned to design agile workspaces at other locations according to the model of the winning concept.

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In 2018, SGL Carbon SE generated sales of around 1 billion euros. The company has approx. 5,100 employees at 32 locations in Europe, North America, and Asia.

Materials, products and solutions from SGL Carbon are embedded in the major topics of the future: sustainable mobility, new energies and cross-industry digitization. Further developments in these areas demand more intelligent, more efficient, networked and sustainable solutions. This is where the entrepreneurial vision of SGL Carbon evolves around: contributing to a smarter world.

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