

Training offensive in Serbia: Messer is training new specialists

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“Welding and welded structures” – this is the name of a new department that was set up at the Technical University in Belgrade two years ago in collaboration with Messer. Since 2007, Messer has been supporting the training of welding engineers with its know-how and with scholarships for students. Moreover, Messer and Castolin have built a joint laboratory for welding and metal coating, which is also used as a venue for international seminars. Practical demonstrations are also carried out as part of the training programme.

The collaboration with the university and the Ministry of Education is being further strengthened. In order to provide broad support for the new subject area, Messer is also promoting the expanded educational programme for holders of a vocational baccalaureate diploma in mechanical engineering. In addition, the new subject area has been introduced at five mechanical engineering schools throughout Serbia. All five schools have been equipped with welding machines, cutting and welding sets, pressure regulators etc., as well as a jointly used flame spray gun from Castolin, and supplied with gases from Messer.

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From acetylene to xenon, the Messer Group has one of the most diverse product portfolios on the market – it produces industrial gases such as oxygen, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide, hydrogen, helium, shielding gases for welding, specialty gases, medical gases and many different gas mixtures.

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