Type mvn spring-boot:run

from the root project directory to start the application

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that prevents devtools from being transitively applied to other modules using your project. Gradle

does not support optional dependencies out-of-the-box so you may want to have a look to the

propdeps-plugin in the meantime.