

European Networking at TH Wildau

On the occasion of the first international week, the "Wildau International Staff Week" (09. - 13.05.), teachers and university staff from 10 countries and 12 universities came together on the campus of TH Wildau. Among the guests were also representatives of universities with which the TH Wildau cooperates closely within the framework of the "European Neighbours Initiative" (ENI). The initiative was founded in 2021 with the aim of deepening relations with partner universities in the immediate European neighbourhood, as well as to strengthen the European idea. The ENI network includes a total of seven universities, from Germany (TH Wildau), Belgium (VIVES University of Applied Sciences), France (Jean Monnet University), the Czech Republic (Technical University of Liberec), Austria (FH Salzburg), Poland (Poznan University of Technology) and the Netherlands (HAN University of Applied Sciences). At TH Wildau, the initiative is coordinated by Dr. Jeffrey Wolf (International Office).

The President of TH Wildau, Prof. Dr. Ulrike Tippe, received the representatives of HAN University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands), Jean Monnet University (France) and VIVES University of Applied Sciences (Belgium) for a joint meeting. She emphasised the strategic importance of the alliance for the internationalisation of TH Wildau, especially in a time of geopolitical instability, in which central common values of the ENI partners are being put to the test. She expressed the hope that ENI relations can be strengthened in many ways.

The universities of the ENI network have already worked together on joint project applications, e.g. on a joint Erasmus application under the project title "CLIL4ALL: Content and Language Integrated Learning". Currently, VIVES and TH Wildau are preparing a double degree agreement in the field of business studies. After the kick-off meetings in 2021 were successful but unfortunately could only be held digitally due to the pandemic, a first in-person consortium meeting is planned for October in Wildau.