Set sails: TH Wildau joins international network in the Baltic Sea region

TH Wildau has joined a new international network: As of this year, our university is one of almost 100 member universities of the "Baltic University Programme" (BUP): the network is coordinated by an office affiliated with Uppsala University (Sweden). Founded in 1991, the network focuses geographically on the Baltic Sea region and thematically pursues the intertwining of internationalisation and sustainability - thus resulting in a variety of references to two central cross-cutting topics of TH Wildau.

Research in the following ten areas is particularly welcomed within the network: Climate Change, Energy Systems, Sustainable Societies, Sustainable Water Resources, Urban Rural Development. Sustainable Mobility, Circular Economy, Sustainable Tourism, Education for Sustainable Development, Sustainable Food Systems.

In addition to networking at research level, the BUP offers a range of activities for students, especially for Master's students and doctoral candidates. This year, three students from TH Wildau were selected to participate in the "BUP Student Conference" on the topic of "Sustainable production and consumption: A circular economy perspective".

The conference took place from 9-12 May in Kaunas, Lithuania. The conference brought together 80 students from BUP member universities from ten different countries, again including many international students.

Positive response

Participation in the conference was rated very positively by the students from our university:

"At the BUP 2023 conference, I was at the intersection of inspiration and innovation, where the exchange of ideas with European students fostered a deep understanding of the role of sustainability in shaping the future of industries. Through the conference, I had the opportunity to get to know Lithuania and KTU University (Kaunas University of Technology) for the first time. My thanks go to TH Wildau for the financial support and the opportunity to participate in this unique conference," says Arthur Baron von Wilcke, Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at TH Wildau.

A regular highlight among the BUP activities continues to be the "BUP Science and Sail", a joint summer sailing tour with a focus on the Baltic Sea region. Anyone who would like to learn more about the activities within the framework of the BUP is cordially invited to find out more here or to contact the International Office.