

## **International visit strengthens international relations**

**Uğur Koyuncu from the International Office of Aksaray University, founded in 2006, spent a three-day Erasmus staff mobility at TH Wildau from 4 to 6 October. Aksaray is the name of a district in Istanbul, but also (and originally) the name of a province and the capital of the same name in Central Anatolia.**

In an exchange with representatives of the International Office, the Wildau Foundation Year and the Welcome Centre of our university, strategic and operational approaches to recruiting and supporting international students were exchanged. In addition to many differences – such as the lack of student housing in Germany compared to rather generous housing options in Turkey (at least outside the metropolises) – there were also a number of similarities, as a comparison of orientation and cultural programmes as well as buddy systems revealed.

In the WIR department (Economics, Computer Science, Law; German: Wirtschaft, Informatik, Recht), Uğur Koyuncu took the opportunity to sit in on an English-language course so that he could also make contact with students and faculty and get an idea of teaching practice.

"In addition to student mobility and faculty exchange, international exchange in the area of organisation and administration is also important to support holistic internationalisation on campus and to learn from each other," says Karin Schmidt, Head of the International Office at TH Wildau.