Representatives of global companies of the US received by József Pálinkás

Cooperation opportunities with large American companies performing R&D activities in Hungary were also discussed when a delegation of 24 people from the US-Hungary Business Council (USHBC) met the President of the NRDI Office.

The US-Hungary Business Council is a non-profit organisation aimed to ease and promote the dialogue on bilateral trade relations between the two countries. Formed in January 2016, the organisation is currently presided by Eric Stewart, who was heading the delegation in the NRDI Office. In his presentation, József Pálinkás briefly informed the business representatives on the activities of the Office, the schemes of calls to foster the Hungarian innovation ecosystem, Hungary's participation in the RDI programmes of the EU and the Hungarian-American bilateral relations concerning this field.

The presentation by József Pálinkás is available for download: Research and Innovation in Hungary – USA-Hungarian S&T relations (PDF 1485 KB)



József Pálinkás, President (NRDIO) and Eric Stewart, President (USHBC)



Delegation of the US-Hungary Business Council

József Pálinkás emphasised: the NRDI Office provides well-balanced support through calls for applications to all RDI areas from discovery reserarch to innovation, with special focus to promoting the collaboration between industrial actors and research centres, universities. In reply to inquiries on cooperation opportunities, he primarily recommended to initiate joint R&D and innovation projects with Hungarian universities or corporate reserch laboratories.

The meeting was attended by high-level officers from companies like Amgen, Borg-Warned, The Coca-Cola Company, Guardian Industries, Lockheed Martin, Merck & Co., Oshkosh Corporation, Owens-Illinois and PPG Industries.

Further information on the RDI financing portfolio: <u>Calls for proposals to foster research, development and innovation in Hungary, 2015-2017</u>