Croatian-Hungarian Rectors Forum

At the initiative of the Hungarian Rectors' Conference, the University of Pécs hosted the first meeting of Croatian and Hungarian rectors on 22nd September. The event was also attended by Balázs Hankó, Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education, and Mladen Andrlic, Croatian Ambassador to Budapest.

More than 20 universities from both countries were represented at the Croatian-Hungarian Rectors' Forum, where the topics discussed included the situation of higher education in both countries, the state of bilateral relations and their development potential, and the issue of nationality education.

"The meeting of the Hungarian and Croatian Rectors' Conferences was the result of mutual contacts and several years of preparatory work - the signing of the agreement was delayed for years due to the COVID epidemic", said László Borhy, Rector of ELTE and President of the Hungarian Rectors' Conference.

In 2018, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Hungarian Rectors' Conference - said Zoltán Dubéczi, Secretary General of the Hungarian Rectors' Conference - then the rectors of the V-4 countries plus Croatia and Slovenia met for two days, but it was not a bilateral meeting like now.

Asked what the Croatian-Hungarian Rectors' Forum meetings are about, László Borhy said that the aim is to expand existing relations and to build new ones involving several universities, offering universities the opportunity to come closer together in the fields of science, education and training. The Hungarian Rectors' Conference includes 64 higher education institutions, so we can immediately establish contacts with the members of the Croatian Rectors' Conference.