**Visegrad Platform for Healthcare Innovations has been established**

A platform for healthcare innovations in the Visegrad (V4) countries was announced in Olomouc on 21 September 2022, involving Moravian Business College Olomouc (MVSO), the University of Economics in Katowice, the University of Economics in Bratislava, and Budapest Business School, University of Applied Sciences. The establishment of the platform took place as a part of the international hybrid conference Healthcare Innovations in V4 Countries and Israel which brought a hundred experts from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Poland and Slovakia to Olomouc. The conference opening speeches were given by the Israeli Ambassador Anna Azari, the Governor of the Olomouc Region Josef Suchánek and the Minister of Science, Research and Innovation Helena Langšádlová.

*“The aim of the platform is to cooperate with the partners from Hungary, Poland a Slovakia on solving some important economic and managerial issues in healthcare when introducing digital and other innovations,”* said assoc. prof. Jindra Peterková (MVSO), the leader of the joint project between the partner universities. The establishment of the platform was supported by the International Visegrad Fund. *“The challenges in Visegrad countries are similar in many ways, so it makes sense to join forces. At the same time, we want to bring good practices from the innovation ecosystem in Israel which is among the world leaders in health care,”* added Peterková.

The conference was organised by MVSO, BEA Olomouc, the Czech-Israeli Mutual Chamber of Commerce and supported by the International Visegrad Fund, the Embassy of the State of Israel in the Czech Republic, Tesco SW, and Check Point Technologies.The event was held as part of the annual Czech-Israeli Innovation Days in Olomouc.