## **SINO visits Research Institute Rudolfovo**

On 13 February 2024, the first meeting of the Section for Innovation (SINO) of the Chamber of Commerce of Dolenjska and Bela Krajina (GZDBK) took place at the Business Incubator Podbreznik in Novo mesto. The meeting was held in two parts. First, only the Executive Committee of the Section met in a closed, short working session. For everyone else, the Annual Meeting of the Section followed at 12.30. At the assembly, the President of the Section for Innovation, Zvone Simončič from Krka, d.d., Novo mesto, reported on the Section's activities in 2023 and presented the plan for 2024. The President also encouraged those present to submit innovations to the call for proposals, which will be published later this week, scheduled for 15 February. The strategic objective of the call, which is also the strategic objective of the Innovation Section, is to promote innovation activity as a driver for sustainable economic development and fostering entrepreneurship.

Tomaž Kordiš, Manager of the GZDBK, also addressed the participants. He highlighted the current state of digitisation in Slovenia and outlined the future directions for digital transformation. He stressed that it is crucial for competitiveness that companies, entrepreneurs and all employees cultivate the highest possible culture of innovation. He also presented the web portal of the SRC-EDIH project and invited those present to view and use the <u>services of the SRC-EDIH project</u>.

This was followed by a presentation of the Research Institute Rudolfovo, which was established in April 2022. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the work, the working laboratories and the innovative projects carried out at the institute.

The event ended with networking and an exchange of views over a banquet.

The event takes place as part of the SRC-EDIH project.

