

PERÚN MEMBER TOUR

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AmCham members had the opportunity to visit the Perun Supercomputer Center at the Technical University of Košice, gaining firsthand insight into one of Slovakia's most advanced research and innovation infrastructures.

Launched in November 2025 with support from the Recovery and Resilience Plan, Perun has already become a valuable resource for researchers, public institutions, students, and companies. Ranked among the world's leading supercomputers in both performance and energy efficiency, the system supports projects in medicine, pharmacy, engineering, artificial intelligence,

climate and energy modeling, infrastructure monitoring, and digital-twin development.

During the tour, participants learned how high-performance computing is helping address challenges that would otherwise require computational capacities unavailable in Slovakia. To date, approximately 220 projects have been completed and around 300 users have accessed the system through an open-call and peer-review process. As Gabriel Galgóczi, the Center's Director, noted, Perun provides researchers and companies with the ability to solve problems that had previously been beyond their technical capabilities.



AUTUMN MACROECONOMIC FORECAST 2026

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Following the Perun Member Tour, AmCham members had the opportunity to join a discussion with Michal Horváth, Chief Economist of the National Bank of Slovakia, who presented the latest Autumn Macroeconomic Forecast 2026. The presentation offered an overview of current economic developments and the factors shaping Slovakia's outlook. The forecast for 2026 was revised slightly upward, supported by stronger exports in the first half of the year, renewed corporate investment, and higher public-sector investment.

Particular attention was given to the nature of recent investments, which

are increasingly directed toward technologies that improve productivity and efficiency. The discussion also addressed longer-term challenges. Michal Horváth emphasized the importance of fiscal sustainability, noting that postponing debt reduction would require significantly larger consolidation efforts in the future. He pointed to 2028 as a critical year in this regard and highlighted the need for credible public-finance measures.

The discussion underscored that maintaining Slovakia's competitiveness will require a combination of innovation, investment, productivity growth, and responsible fiscal management.

