

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure and my honour to write this letter in support of Professor Rhonda Sofer, with whom I have had the privilege of collaborating closely for almost a decade through several European and international initiatives.

During these years I have come to know Professor Sofer as one of the most capable and visionary leaders in the field of international higher education cooperation. She possesses the rare ability to transform ideas into successful international partnerships that produce tangible and sustainable results for participating institutions.

Our cooperation began through the Erasmus+ KA171 mobility programme, which established a productive academic relationship between Gordon Academic College and KaTHO. This collaboration later expanded significantly when Professor Sofer invited KaTHO to become a partner in the Erasmus+ Capacity Building project MANDELA, a complex multinational initiative that she successfully designed and authored. Working together within this consortium allowed me to witness her exceptional abilities in project conception, international consortium building, strategic leadership, and project implementation.

Beyond European projects, Professor Sofer consistently sought opportunities to deepen academic cooperation between our institutions. Together we promoted collaborative educational initiatives, including joint teaching activities focusing on Holocaust education and intercultural dialogue. These activities reflected Professor Sofer's long-standing commitment to using higher education as a bridge between cultures, societies, and nations.

What distinguishes Professor Sofer is not only her impressive technical expertise in developing and managing international programmes, but also her remarkable ability to build trust among partners from diverse cultural, religious, and institutional backgrounds. She combines strategic vision with careful attention to detail, ensuring that ambitious projects are translated into practical outcomes that continue well beyond the funding period.

Throughout our collaboration, I have admired her professionalism, integrity, determination, and unwavering commitment to excellence. She approaches every partnership with openness, respect, and a genuine desire to create mutual benefit for all institutions involved. These qualities have earned her the confidence and respect of colleagues across Europe and beyond.

I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending Professor Rhonda Sofer to any institution seeking expert guidance in internationalization, institutional development, strategic partnerships, or the design and implementation of complex international education projects. She is an outstanding professional whose experience, leadership, and dedication make her an exceptional asset to any international initiative.

Should additional information be required, I would be pleased to provide it.

Yours sincerely,



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