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Prof. Gabriela Gabrhelová (Dr.h.c., Assoc. Prof., PhDr., PaedDr., PhD., DBA, LL.M.) is a co-founder of Global Management Business School (GMBS) and holds a 25% shareholding in the institution. She is a key figure with a strong profile in academic governance, quality assurance, strategic development of higher education, pedagogy, and management, bringing to GMBS a unique combination of long-standing experience in establishing and leading a higher education institution, extensive research activity, a substantial publication record, and broad international cooperation experience. In recognition of her scholarly contribution, she has been awarded the honorary academic title Doctor honoris causa (Dr. h.c.), which further underlines her professional authority and recognition within the academic community.

From an academic perspective, she serves as an Associate Professor (Habilitation) of Management and was appointed Professor of Pedagogy by the President of the Slovak Republic, enabling her to connect managerial competence with deep expertise in pedagogical processes, didactics, and the management of educational quality. Her professional identity is built on two main pillars—pedagogy and management—and she has long specialised particularly in professionally oriented education, subject didactics, the didactics of practical training, pedagogical and professional communication, the development of teachers' competencies, and effective models for linking education with labour market needs. Within the field of management, her focus is primarily on the strategic governance of educational institutions, school management, organisational development, human resource management, and the implementation of internal quality assurance systems.

From an institutional leadership perspective, her profile is highly relevant due to her extensive and demonstrable experience in the organisational and strategic management of a higher education institution. She is the Director and co-founder of DTI University in Slovakia, an established higher education institution with a long-standing history, a stable student base, and a strong international orientation. In her executive role, she ensures the comprehensive processes associated with

institutional operations, including the development of study programmes, staff management, coordination of academic and administrative functions, and—most importantly—the establishment and maintenance of quality assurance mechanisms. This experience is directly transferable to GMBS, as it demonstrates her capacity to lead a higher education institution over the long term, build academic infrastructure, develop effective governance structures, and ensure continuous programme development in line with requirements of external oversight and accreditation frameworks.

Prof. Gabrhelová is also highly active in research and scholarly work. She is the author and co-author of numerous scientific monographs and higher education textbooks published by both international and national publishers. Her publication activity covers a broad range of topics, with particular emphasis on resilience and psychological well-being in school environments, workload and stress in the teaching profession, teachers' creative competencies in vocational education, and models of professionally oriented education, including the dual education system as a pathway for linking education with labour market requirements. These research activities significantly strengthen her ability to contribute to evidence-based educational policy development, the implementation of modern pedagogical approaches, and the ongoing improvement of study programmes based on empirical findings and contemporary trends in education. In addition to her publication outputs, she has experience in international research projects and professional collaborations, confirming her capacity to operate within an academic environment with international reach and to develop partnerships with foreign institutions.

In the context of GMBS (and within the MFHEA requirement to demonstrate organisational capacity and the competence of key persons), Prof. Gabriela Gabrhelová represents a founder who brings verified and practical experience in the establishment, governance and development of a higher education institution, the implementation of academic and quality assurance processes, the creation and continuous updating of study programmes, as well as long-term strategic leadership. Her combination of competencies—Professor of Pedagogy, Associate Professor of Management, experienced Director and co-founder of a higher education institution, active scholar and author, and holder of the honorary title Dr. h.c.—provides a strong foundation for credible academic leadership, quality development, and institutional stability in line with MFHEA expectations.

Research Profile of Prof. Gabriela Gabrhelová:

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