

Motivation Letter

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Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

As a young medical doctor currently specializing in Orthopaedic Surgery in a public hospital in Greece, I witness daily both the strengths and the painful limitations of our healthcare system. Long waiting lists, understaffed departments, fragmented communication, outdated digital infrastructure — these are not abstract problems. They are real challenges that affect patients, doctors, and the very core of public health. I am applying to the ManagiDiTH program because I want to be part of the solution.

I graduated from the University of Patras Medical School and completed my rural service in a remote area of Arta, where I was often the only physician available. That experience taught me to take initiative, to adapt quickly, and to care for patients without the safety net of a fully equipped hospital. Today, as a resident at the General Hospital of Nikaia – Piraeus “St. Panteleimon,” I balance intense clinical responsibilities with postgraduate studies in Metabolic Bone Diseases at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Throughout these years, I’ve been deeply involved in continuing education, international congresses, and surgical workshops, always striving to grow as a doctor and as a thinker.

But clinical knowledge alone is no longer enough. The world is changing. The pandemic, the digital shift, the urgent need for efficient and human-centered health services — all these demand a new kind of healthcare professional. I believe the ManagiDiTH program offers the tools, perspectives, and community to help young doctors like myself transition into leadership roles in this transformation.

My motivation is deeply personal. I want to see Greek public hospitals function with modern tools, data-informed decisions, and transparent systems. I want to help build healthcare environments where doctors are supported, patients are respected, and technology works for everyone — not just in theory, but in everyday practice. I don’t just want to practice medicine. I want to help modernize it.

Joining the ManagiDiTH program would be a critical step in this journey. I am eager to gain knowledge in digital governance, innovation management, and health data systems, and to exchange ideas with peers and experts across Europe. Most importantly, I want to bring these insights back home — to Greece — and contribute to a healthcare system that reflects the values, needs, and potential of our generation.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Spyridon-Rafail Gkartzonis