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To: ManagiDiTH Evaluation Committee

Topic: Motivation Letter for enrolment in Master's Programme in Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector (ManagiDiTH)

Dear Members of the ManagiDiTH Evaluation Committee,

I am writing to express my strong interest in enrolling in the Master's Programme in Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector (ManagiDiTH). The opportunity to engage in such a comprehensive and cross-border program perfectly aligns with my research interests and career aspirations, and I am eager to contribute to and benefit from the advanced curriculum offered.

As a current PhD candidate specializing in the empowerment of patients towards the use of telemedicine solutions, particularly focusing on cancer patients, I have developed a profound passion for interdisciplinary research that integrates technology, healthcare, and societal impact. My role as a stakeholder community expert and pilot manager at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Medicine has further solidified my dedication to this field. These experiences have equipped me with a deep understanding of the uptake of digital transformation and the interoperability of data, which are critical to advancing healthcare delivery and patient care.

In addition, I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in "Ageing and Chronic Disease Management" at the Hellenic Open University. This program has enhanced my knowledge and skills in managing the complexities associated with chronic illnesses and the ageing population, further reinforcing my commitment to improving healthcare systems through digital innovation.

Your Master's programme, with its emphasis on cutting-edge technologies and holistic approaches to digital transformation in healthcare, offers a comprehensive perspective on the challenges and opportunities in this rapidly evolving field. The curriculum is particularly appealing to me as it promises to deepen my knowledge of critical areas such as health informatics, data management, and digital health strategies, which are essential to my current research and future career goals.

My academic background and extensive research experience in EU-funded projects have provided me with a solid foundation in digital transformation. Projects such as <u>CAPTAIN H2020</u>, <u>AD-Autonomy E+</u>, <u>ERMAT E+</u>, <u>LifeChamps H2020</u>, and <u>eCan Joint Action</u> have allowed me to develop and implement assistive technologies for health and well-being across various vulnerable populations, including older adults and cancer survivors. Furthermore, my involvement in initiatives related to citizen science and participatory health, such as <u>SISCODE H2020</u> and the City









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Science Initiative, powered by the EC JRC, has strengthened my ability to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation.

I am confident that the Master's Programme in Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector will enable me to further develop my expertise, contribute to cutting-edge research, and collaborate with like-minded professionals who share my commitment to advancing healthcare through digital innovation. I am particularly excited about the prospect of exploring new methodologies and technologies that can drive sustainable healthcare solutions and improve patient outcomes.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to and learn from your esteemed program.

Sincerely,

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