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Glossary of key terms

GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
HEI	Higher Education Institutions
ManagiDiTH	Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector
WP	Work Package

1. Introduction

1.1. Introduction and purpose of the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference

This document is a call for registrations for scholarships for ManagiDiTH students of both cohorts (2024/2026 and 2025/2027) to participate at the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference. The main objective of the ManagiDiTH Master program is to equip students with the expertise needed to navigate and lead digital transformation in the health sector.

The three university partners – Iscte, LAUREA and AUTH – with the financial support of the Digital Europe Programme (Advanced Digital Skills), are offering a short-term scholarship for the attendance and participation of students and industry partners in the Conference of the Project taking place in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 2 to 3 November, 2026. The scholarship is available to postgraduate students enrolled in the ManagiDiTH program, to graduates of the ManagiDiTH program, as well as, to digital health ecosystem stakeholders, including startups and other relevant network members.

The ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference – Digital Transformation in Health 2026 has the overall aim to stimulate the scientific debate about digital health transformation through showcasing students' academic work (in the format of abstract or paper submissions), with opportunities to present either a poster or a deliver an oral presentation to the plenary thematic sessions. It also seeks to promote networking, collaboration, and the development of a research community that supports professional growth and interdisciplinary exchange, notably with industry and academic partners.

This conference will provide ManagiDiTH students with a platform to present early-stage results or the outcomes of completed dissertations or other projects developed in academic or professional settings related to the Master program theme. Participants will have the opportunity to engage face-to-face with teachers, researchers and peers and attend a thesis master class offering expert guidance and tools for thesis , while also contact directly with companies, organisations, experts and public administrators from the health and digital sectors. The focus of the conference will be on enhancing participants' capacity to academically demonstrate their work on digital health innovation and understanding the real-world application of acquired knowledge during the Master.

The Registration platform opens on 01/09/2026 and closes on 07/10/2026/2026 at 23:00 CET (Brussels time).

2. Aims and objectives

2.1. Expected goals of the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference

Overall objectives of ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference – Digital Transformation in Health 2026	
1. Showcase Student Research and Applied Knowledge	Enable students to present their research through posters and presentations, highlighting both early-stage findings and completed dissertation outcomes, with a focus on real-world relevance to digital health ecosystem.
2. Promote Knowledge Exchange in Digital Health Innovation	Create opportunities for interdisciplinary dialogue by bringing together academia, industry experts, and policymakers to explore current trends and practical applications in digital health.
3. Facilitate Connections with Industry and Organizations	Provide a platform for students to engage with enterprises, startups, organizations, and public sector representatives in digital health, encouraging networking, collaboration, and career opportunities.
4. Enhance Student–Faculty Engagement	Foster meaningful in-person interactions between students and faculty, enabling deeper academic dialogue, feedback on research, and mentoring opportunities, as well as exchange experience and expert guidance on thesis methodologies and tools.
5. Explore Innovations in Health Tech	Provide a platform for industry leaders to share insights on the latest trends and breakthroughs in digital transformation within the health sector, focusing on innovations such as AI in healthcare, telemedicine, and digital patient management systems.
Expected Outcomes	
- Enhanced quality of academic exchange through interactive research presentations and discussions - Strengthened networking among students, faculty, and stakeholders from industry and other organizations - Increased ability of students to communicate about and apply their research to real-world challenges in digital health - Strengthened thesis methodologies, tools and supervision practices through the exchange of experiences and expert guidance among Master students, supervisors and industry partners - Networking opportunities among students, faculty staff, and industry/organisational members are promoted - A collaborative research community within the ManagiDiTH network as part of the wider digital health ecosystem in Europe is reinforced	

The Project offers a limited number of scholarships to postgraduate students currently enrolled and attending the ManagiDiTH Master Programme (including the ones that have already defended their Master's thesis), as well as, to startups, tech providers, industry representatives, health services administrators and clustering projects in the field of digital transformation in health.

2.1.1 Conference themes

Abstracts and papers are welcome on topics related to digital transformation in the health sector, including but not limited to:

1. Artificial Intelligence in Health
2. Telemedicine and e-health
3. Digitalization of Healthcare Services
4. Digital Literacy in Health
5. Digital Tools and Mental Health
6. Data Protection, Privacy , Ethics and Cybersecurity in Health
7. Use of Digital Tools in the Training of Health Professionals
8. New Digital Health Tools
9. Interoperability
10. Research infrastructures for Neuroscience and Digital Health
11. Biomedical Technology, devices and robotics
12. Digital Skills in healthcare transformation and AI
13. Citizen science, social care and digital innovation
14. Management and innovation in healthcare
15. Joint educational programmes in the digital era

2.1.2 Types of contributions

The Conference accepts the following types of contributions:

Participation Type 1. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students

- **Full papers.** Papers from 5 up to 7 pages presenting completed work, such as dissertation outcomes or other finished projects. Accepted full papers will be presented orally during the plenary thematic sessions.
- **Abstracts for oral presentation.** Accepted abstracts in this category will be presented orally during the plenary thematic sessions.
- **Abstracts for poster presentation.** Accepted abstracts in this category will be presented as posters during the Conference. Posters must be prepared in A0 portrait format and will be displayed in electronic format.

Participation Type 2. On site participation for entrepreneurs, startups, cluster projects from Europe or Greece

- **Accelerating Demonstrations.** Startups, SMEs, tech providers, health services administrators, public administrators and cluster projects in the field of digital transformation in health are invited to demonstrate their innovations or project results. Accepted contributions will be presented in the format of pitches or conference booths in specific thematic sessions.

All contributions must present original work. Abstracts may report early-stage findings as well as the outcomes of completed dissertations or projects. The Scientific Committee assigns the final presentation format (oral or poster and pitch or booth), taking authors' preferences into account.

All contributions will be peer-reviewed. All accepted abstracts and papers will be published in the conference proceedings, while the accelerating demonstrations will be mentioned in the form of a list of participating industry representatives.

Participation Type 3. On site participation for postgraduate students from EU Member States, EEA countries or Switzerland.

- **Thesis Master Class participation.** Accepted applicants will co-organise a thesis master class to exchange experiences, receive expert guidance and further develop thesis methodologies and tools. Applicants will be requested to fill in an application field providing a motivation statement (up to 100 words) outlining their thesis topic, current stage of research, and the methodological or practical challenges they wish to address.

2.1.3 Submission guidelines

- All types of Contributions must be written in English
- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words (excluding title, authors, affiliations and references) and they should not exceed one page in total. The content should be structured as follows: background and aim, methods, results (or expected results), and conclusions, followed by up to five keywords, and must be prepared using the official conference template [template link to be added].
- Full papers must be between 5 and 7 pages in length, including references, and must be prepared using the official conference template.
- Accelerating Demonstrations must not exceed 300 words (excluding title, authors, affiliations and references) and they should not exceed one page in total. The content should be structured as follows: background, approach, results, innovation and must be prepared using the official conference template.
- Submissions are accepted only electronically, through the official conference submission platform
- Each contribution must indicate one presenting author. The presenting author must register for the Conference and present the contribution on site.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may co-author; however, each participant may act as the presenting author for one contribution only.

2.1.4 Review and selection

All submitted contributions will be reviewed by at least two members of the Conference Scientific Committee. The scientific evaluation of abstracts, papers, and accelerating demonstrations is conducted through the official conference submission platform and in accordance with the procedures defined therein.



Contributions will be evaluated based on relevance to the Conference themes, clarity of presentation, quality of the work, and real-world relevance to the digital health ecosystem. Authors will be notified of the review outcome, including the assigned presentation format, via the submission platform.

2.2. Funding Budget for the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference

The Programme is co-funded by the Digital Europe Programme and each participant will receive a gross fixed amount between € 230,00 and € 2.315,00 as a scholarship for their attendance, participation and contribution to the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference.

The scholarship amount for each participant varies and is calculated as follows:

Participation Type 1. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students	
a. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students from Europe (non-Greek residents)	€ 1.160,00
b. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students residing outside Europe	€ 2.315,00
c. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students from Greece (All country >10km from Thessaloniki Region)	€ 791,00
d. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students from Greece (Thessaloniki Region)	€ 340,00
Participation Type 2. On site participation for entrepreneurs, startups, cluster projects from Europe or Greece	
a. Participants (>10km from Thessaloniki Region)	€ 791,00
b. Participants (from Thessaloniki Region)	€ 340,00
Participation Type 3. On site participation for postgraduate students from Europe or Greece	
a. On site participation for postgraduate students from Europe (non-Greek residents) or outside Europe	€ 850,00
b. On site participation for postgraduate students from Greece (All country >10km from Thessaloniki Region)	€ 580,00
c. On site participation for postgraduate students from Greece (Thessaloniki Region)	€ 230,00

The amount calculated for each Participation Type varies depending on the participant's place of residence. Accommodation needs and subsistence costs have been considered and are offered as a lump sum in the range of € 230,00 - € 2.315,00. The amount has been calculated based on 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 enrolled Students' data in the official administrative academic management system of Iscte (Fénix+) and based on available FSTP budgets of the participating Universities:

ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon: € 113.441,00

LAUREA Institute of Applied Sciences: € 121.849,00



AUTH - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: € 127.754,00

The total available budget is expected to fund the scholarships for participation for 319 ManagiDiTH and postgraduate students and 80 representatives of entrepreneurs, startups, and cluster projects relevant to the topic. The number of scholarships correspond to the following distribution: Student participation (Type 1 and 3) corresponds to 80%, while Entrepreneurs/startups/cluster projects (Type 2) participation corresponds to 20% of the total available FSTP funds.

These allocations are indicative and may be adjusted upward or downward depending on the number and quality of applications received under each option, with priority on Participation Type 1. Nevertheless, under Participation Type 2 only one participant per entity may be accepted for funding.

The Conference Organizers reserve the right to cancel the financial support if the applicant fails to accomplish the requirements for participants.

2.3. Conference Timeline for Registration and Payments

03/06/2026	Invitation to Students & Sharing of the Overview Agenda
12/06/2026 01/07/2026	Publication of Call for Registrations for scholarships for participation at the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference
01/09/2026-15/09/2026	Registrations for scholarships open for Type 1 & 2
14/09/2026	Information Session MB00 for interested applicants: overview, conditions, facilitation
10/09/2026 30/09/2026	Deadline for Registrations for scholarships
16-30/09/2026	Processing submitted Registrations for scholarships and institutional arrangements by the universities
30/09-15/10/2026	Signature of Contracts with students and other scholars/participants of Type 1 & 2
01-07/10/2026	Registrations for scholarships open for Type 3
07/10/2026	Deadline for Registrations for scholarships Type 3
08-15/10/2026	Signature of Contracts with students and other scholars/participants of Type 3
02-03/11/2026	ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference 2026
11/11/2026	Release of Certificate of Attendance of Conference
15/11/2026	Deadline for Submission of students' and other scholars/participants' travel documents
15/12/2026	Deadline for Payment to students and other scholars/participants

*Certificate of Attendance, travel documents and conference contributions are used as proof of eligibility for the scholarship.

Should any changes to the Master Programme Universities Conference timeline be necessary during the registration period, the call document will be updated.

Questions about the Call for ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference Registrations for scholarships can be placed:

- orally during the Information Session of 14/09/2026
- by posting a query at the Q&A forum of MB00 in the ManagiDiTH Moodle platform (e-learning system) – only for students
- by email at managidith@iscte-iul.pt

Unless otherwise instructed, do not use any other contact email address or contact any other people in connection with this Call for Registrations. Messages sent through other channels might not be seen or replied to.

3. Information for applicants

This section includes general information on the registration process and applicants' conditions.

3.1. General information

Registrations for scholarships should involve students that have been accepted to attend the ManagiDiTH Master's programme and have been officially enrolled at the cohort 2024-2025 or 2025-2026. At the time of launching this call, the total number of students is 319. Registrations for scholarships should also involve a limited number of stakeholders, entrepreneurs, startups, SMEs, cluster projects and public administrators in healthcare from Europe or Greece who have an accepted contribution in the form of "Accelerating Demonstration" at the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference. All participants, students and stakeholders, need to be, at the time of their application an EU, EEA, or Swiss national.

Students who have officially withdrawn or suspended their studies are not eligible to apply for funding in Participation Type 1–Attendance at the Conference requires mandatory presence of students and other scholar/participants physically at the venue of the Conference during **both days** of the event. Students who will not show up during the 2 days will not be eligible for the funding of their scholarship.

The ManagiDiTH consortium has ensured effective procedures and arrangements to promote and guarantee the safety, protection and non-discrimination of the participants in the Conference. It is recommended that participants are in possession of a European Health Insurance Card. This is a free card that gives access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 27 EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country.

Scientific evaluation of abstracts, papers and accelerating demonstrations is conducted through the official conference submission platform and according to the procedures defined therein.

3.2. Contractual Conditions

The conditions for receiving the scholarship for the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference will be subject of a contract to be signed between the Contracting Entity (one of the university partners) and the student.

Registered students will be offered a “ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference Financing to Third Party Contract” by one of the three (3) higher education institutions delivering the Joint Master’s Degree, i.e. Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon, Laurea - University of Applied Sciences, or Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The contract will indicate the participant’s calculated scholarship amount as described in Section 2.2 which will require supporting documentation, i.e. notification of conference contribution acceptance, proof of travel and certificate of attendance (as described in Section 2.3) and evidence that eligibility and selection criteria are met.

The processes for reimbursement of scholarships in all 3 higher education institutions may vary. Therefore, registered participants will need to follow the procedures defined by the individual Contractor with whom the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference Financing to Third Parties Contract is signed.

The assignment of students or other scholars/participants to one of the 3 higher education institutions will be decided and approved by the Master’s Programme Coordination Committee and no change will be allowed. The Conference Contractor identified in the Contract is the main contact point with participants for all matters related to the funding and eligibility of their participation, both during the entire period from the signature of the contract to the payment of the final installment.

3.3. Registration process – Supporting documentation

An online registration for scholarship must be submitted by a single person/student willing to participate in the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference in the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/3d3jztsb>

Registrations for scholarships to the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference are only accepted electronically. Conference Notifications are not considered as registrations for funding. Students and other participants must take full account of the call document and application form.

3.4. Cancellation policy

The ManagiDiTH project consortium may, at any moment, cease to proceed with the application/registration procedure and cancel it.

The ManagiDiTH project consortium reserves the right not to award any contracts at the end of the registration procedure.

The ManagiDiTH project consortium reserves the right to modify the registration procedure.

The ManagiDiTH project consortium is not liable for any expense or loss the Conference applicants may have incurred in preparing their registration.

The ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference Financing to Third Parties Contract will be the primary binding document governing participation, funding, and associated terms.

Students who have registered and wish to cancel their participation must not sign ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference Financing to Third Parties Contract and they must notify the ManagiDiTH project consortium in writing via email (managidith@iscte-iul.pt).

Cancellations made by participants after the signature of the ManagiDiTH Master Programme Universities Conference Financing to Third Parties Contract will result in the participant losing their eligibility for funding.

Registered participants with signed contracts that do not show up or do not fulfil the requirement of the 2-day presence at the Conference will not be eligible for funding.

In cases of medical emergencies, travel restrictions, or force majeure events, exceptions to the standard cancellation policy may be granted at the discretion of the ManagiDiTH project consortium.

3.5. Eligibility and exclusion criteria

Participation Type 1. On site participation for ManagiDiTH students		
Criteria Type	Definition	Evidence
Selection	Applicants who have the ManagiDiTH student status	Enrolled at the ManagiDiTH Joint Master's Programme (cohorts of 2024/2026 and 2025/2027) who have not suspended or cancelled their enrollment.
Selection	Applicants who have submitted their contributions (abstracts or papers) to the conference and these have been accepted.	Contribution acceptance notification Number
Exclusion	Students who have enrolled but cancelled their enrollment Students who have suspended their studies until September 2026 Students who have not submitted a contribution to the conference Students who's abstracts or papers have not been accepted to the conference Individuals who do not have the ManagiDiTH student status	Confirmation by Iscte academic services of their withdrawn or suspension in Fénix+ upon request of the students. Contribution acceptance notification Number
Eligibility	Eligibility verification and compliance with the requirements of this Call	Signature of the presence for 2 days. Participation physical on site in the planned activities.



		Presentation of conference contribution in the assigned format by the Conference Scientific Committee. Respecting the Terms & Conditions of the Contract. Follow the GDPR rules and ManagiDiTH privacy policy.
Participation Type 2. On site participation for entrepreneurs, startups, cluster projects from Europe or Greece		
Criteria Type	Definition	Evidence
Selection	Applicants belonging to the digital health ecosystem group of startups, SMEs, public health administrators, organizations and related thematic projects who have submitted their contributions in the format of accelerating demonstrations to the conference and these have been accepted	Contribution acceptance notification Number Official letter in English describing their link to their represented institution.
Compliance	Compliance with the scientific scope of the Conference	Contribution acceptance notification Number
Exclusion	Representatives of entities belonging to the group of startups, SMEs, public health administrators, cluster projects who receive funding as students Representatives of entities belonging to the group of startups, SMEs, public health administrators, related thematic projects may not receive double funding from European Commission programmes for the same activities or costs. Representatives of entities belonging to the group of startups, SMEs, public health administrators who are not EU, EEA, or Swiss nationals.	Supporting evidence confirming that each participant has applied only once and is considered a single applicant, irrespective of any multiple roles or affiliations. Supporting evidence confirming that representatives are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals.
Eligibility	Eligibility verification and compliance with the requirements of this Call. If the number of eligible Type 2 applications exceeds the 20% of the total available budget, applications will first be ranked based on relevance to the Conference theme. In cases of equal relevance, preference may be given to promote a diverse geographical distribution among participating organisations. This diversity-related criterion shall not affect the equal treatment of applications.	Signature of the presence for 2 days. Participation physical on site in the planned activities. Presentation of conference contribution in the assigned format by the Conference Scientific Committee. Respecting the Terms & Conditions of the Contract. Follow the GDPR rules and ManagiDiTH privacy policy.



Participation Type 3. On site participation for postgraduate students from Europe or Greece		
Criteria Type	Definition	Evidence
Selection	Applicants who currently are enrolled in a postgraduate course or have graduated between 01/2026 and 12/2026.	Certificate of studies
Exclusion	Applicants who have applied under more than one Participation Type. Applicants who are not EU, EEA, or Swiss nationals. Applicants may not receive double funding from European Commission programmes for the same activities or costs.	Supporting evidence confirming that each participant has applied only once and is considered a single applicant, irrespective of any multiple roles or affiliations. Supporting evidence confirming that applicants are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals.
Compliance	Compliance with the scientific scope of the Conference	Motivation statement in the application.
Eligibility	Eligibility verification and compliance with the requirements of this Call. If eligible applications exceed the available places, they will be ranked by relevance of their studies to the Conference theme.	Signature of the presence for 2 days. Participation physical on site in the planned activities. Respecting the Terms & Conditions of the Contract. Follow the GDPR rules and ManagiDiTH privacy policy.