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NATION2 INTRODUCTION

The National Simulation Office (NSO) in collaboration with the Spark Innovation Program and the HSE Climate Action and Sustainability Office, is proud to announce the launch of NATION2, a funding call for projects that aim to ensure sustainable healthcare simulation for the future. This initiative supports innovative and impactful approaches to simulation-based education (SBE) that align with key sustainability principles.

Overview

The NATION2 funding programme seeks to foster projects that embrace the principles of sustainability across one or more of the following domains in line with the HSE Climate Action Strategy 2023-2050 as well as projects that support sustainable/greener simulation activities:

- **Social Sustainability** focuses on creating equitable and inclusive opportunities for simulation-based education (SBE). It prioritizes access for all healthcare professionals, regardless of location, specialty, or institutional resources, to ensure widespread skill development and improved patient care. Social sustainability also emphasizes fostering resilient communities of practice, encouraging interprofessional collaboration, and supporting workforce development by cultivating a culture of mentorship, continuous learning, and shared expertise in simulation.
- **Environmental Sustainability** involves reducing the ecological impact of simulation practices. This includes adopting green initiatives such as minimizing waste, promoting the reuse of materials, and utilizing energy-efficient equipment and technology. Responsible procurement plays a crucial role, encouraging the selection of sustainable products and services from vendors who prioritize environmentally friendly practices. By implementing recycling programs, sourcing eco-friendly materials, and optimizing resource usage, simulation programs can align with broader environmental goals while maintaining high-quality educational outcomes.
- **Governance Sustainability** ensures that simulation programs operate transparently, ethically, and responsibly. This involves developing policies and frameworks to guide the allocation of resources, foster stakeholder engagement, and ensure long-term viability. Governance also includes the establishment of measurable goals to assess the effectiveness of simulation in enhancing patient outcomes, workforce preparedness, and operational efficiencies. By integrating accountability and strategic alignment with organizational values, governance supports the responsible growth and evolution of simulation-based education.

We are seeking applications for innovative projects that align with at least one of these domains and/or improve sustainable practices in simulation. Successful proposals will clearly demonstrate how they address sustainability principles while advancing the future of healthcare simulation.



Eligibility

Projects should align with at least one of the three sustainability domains and/or advance practices in sustainable simulation practices. This initiative is open to HSE and Section 38, Higher Education Institutions and Post Graduate Training Bodies.

Application Instructions:

Applications must include a minimum of two leads: a project lead and a project co-lead. Both individuals must be available to respond to questions or provide clarifications during the review process.

Questions are as follows:

- In 100 words please give a brief overview of your project.
- In 100 words please give an itemised account of 3 intended outputs from the project.
- In 50 words please describe how this project aligns with the national strategy for regionalisation of simulation capacity and the development of simulation on clinical sites.

Funding Details

- **Maximum Funding per Project:** €20,000
- **Eligibility:** Projects must align with at least one of the three sustainability domains (Social, Environmental, or Governance).
- **Deadline:** Applications will be accepted through the below link until 12noon Monday the 24th of February 2025.
- **Contact:** For any queries, please email sim.office@hse.ie

How To Apply:

Interested applicants are invited to submit their proposals through the online application portal [here](#). The submission should detail the project's objectives, alignment with the sustainability domains, expected outcomes, and a clear budget breakdown. Please Note: Applicants that are under consideration may be required to undertake a follow up call before final decisions are made.

Key Dates

- **Launch Date:** 20th January 2025
- **Application Deadline:** 24th Feb 2025
- **Follow-up Interview if Required:** W/C 24th February 2025 onwards.



Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be assessed based on the following:

- **Impact:** Potential to significantly advance sustainable healthcare simulation.
- **Alignment:** Adherence to one or more of the key domains.
- **Strategy:** Alignment with the National Simulation Strategy for Regionalisation and Simulation on Clinical Sites
- **Feasibility:** Practicality of implementation and scalability nationally
- **Innovation:** Novelty and creativity of the approach to using simulation for sustainable healthcare or using simulation responsibly

Why Apply?

NATION2 provides an opportunity to contribute to a sustainable future for healthcare simulation while addressing the urgent challenges of climate action, inclusivity, and responsible management. Successful projects will not only receive funding but also contribute to shaping the future of healthcare education.

Further Information.

If you have any additional queries, please don't hesitate to contact the National Simulation Office at sim.office@hse.ie, using the subject line NATION2. For updates on this initiative, as well as news about upcoming projects, events, and developments, we invite you to follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Bluesky](#), and [Instagram](#). Stay connected to stay informed about the latest in simulation-based education!

