

KEY CONCEPTS

InterRegSim – a government-mandated network for simulation-based learning

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BACKGROUND

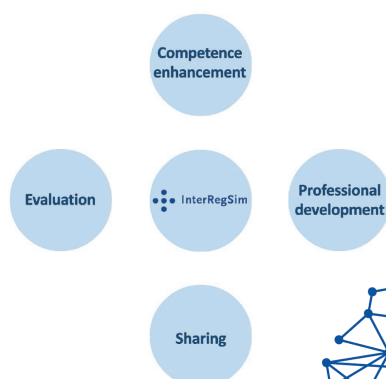
In the National Health and Hospital Plan 2020-2023, the Norwegian government formally recognized simulation-based learning as an important factor for improved patient safety in healthcare and highlighted the need to coordinate simulation-based learning nationally.

THE NETWORK

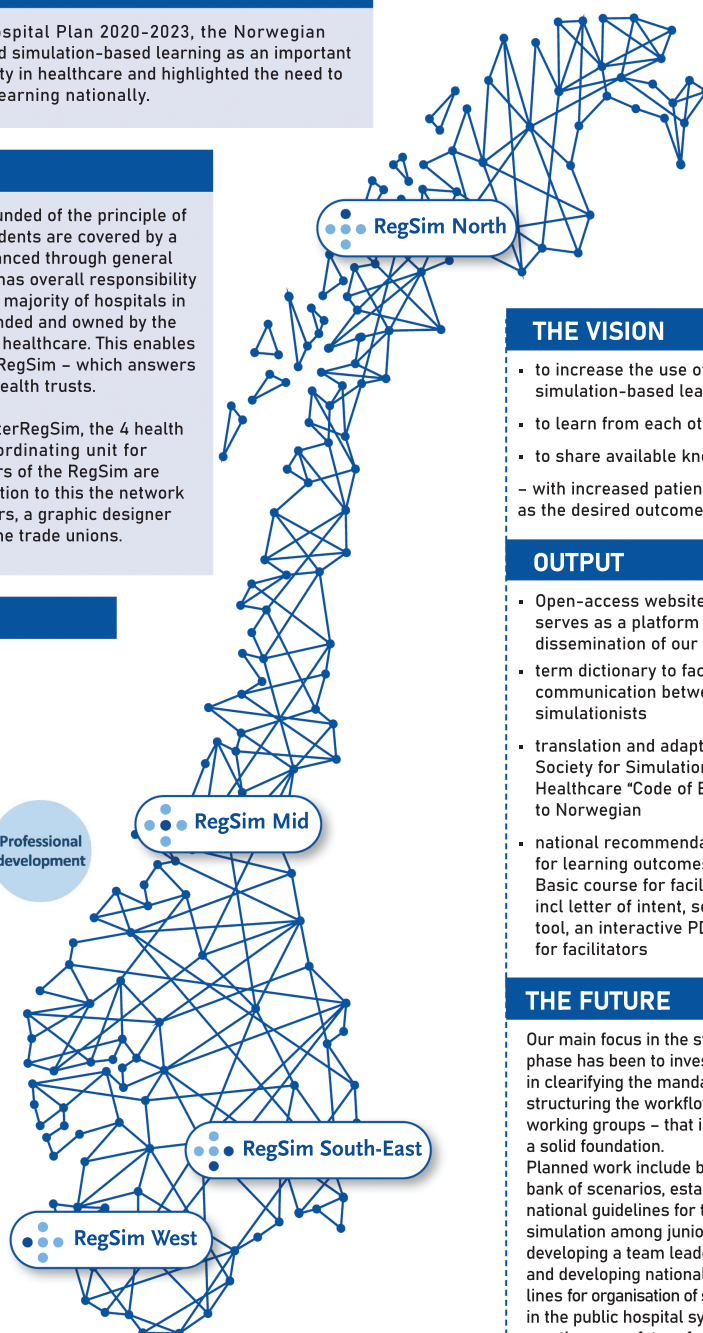
Norway has a health system founded of the principle of universal access where all residents are covered by a National Insurance Scheme financed through general taxes. The central Government has overall responsibility for the hospital sector. The vast majority of hospitals in Norway are public hospitals, funded and owned by the state to ensure equal access to healthcare. This enables a kind of network such as InterRegSim – which answers directly to the 4 CEOs of the 4 health trusts.

Prior to the establishment of InterRegSim, the 4 health trusts each had a regional coordinating unit for simulation – RegSim. The leaders of the RegSim are part of InterRegSim, and in addition to this the network consists of a leader, two advisors, a graphic designer and two representatives from the trade unions.

THE MANDATE



A network is defined as «a system that are connected to each other and operate together» and InterRegSim should be considered the control centre for this network of simulation-based learning in the Norwegian public hospital system.



THE VISION

- to increase the use of simulation-based learning
 - to learn from each other
 - to share available knowledge
- with increased patient safety as the desired outcome

OUTPUT

- Open-access website which serves as a platform for dissemination of our output
- term dictionary to facilitate communication between simulationists
- translation and adaption of Society for Simulation in Healthcare "Code of Ethics" to Norwegian
- national recommendations for learning outcomes in the Basic course for facilitators, incl letter of intent, scenario tool, an interactive PDF tool for facilitators

THE FUTURE

Our main focus in the start-up phase has been to invest time in clarifying the mandate and structuring the workflow for the working groups – that is, building a solid foundation. Planned work include building a bank of scenarios, establishing national guidelines for the use of simulation among junior doctors, developing a team leader course and developing national guidelines for organisation of simulation in the public hospital system, to mention some future focus areas.