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# SUSA Project

## A massive project for developing sustainable healthcare

iCognitus4All – IT solutions, in collaboration with a consortium of leading academic institutions, research centers, and industry stakeholders, proudly announces the launch of the Sustainable Healthcare with Digital Health Data Competence (SUSA). This transformative initiative aims to address the pressing need for advanced digital skills in healthcare, preparing professionals to navigate a rapidly digitizing landscape and empowering them to leverage data for sustainable healthcare solutions.

SUSA has four main objectives:

- Co-design and co-deliver a bespoke advanced digital skills education program integrated into bachelor's and master's degree programs and self-standing modules for lifelong learning
- Implement an innovative initiative to attract qualified teaching staff and students
- Upgrade digital infrastructures to support interoperability across HEIs
- Ensure sustainability of SUSA education program

[SUSA](#) is a massive project with 12,5 ME budget in total. The consortium has 12 higher education institutions from 9 European countries, 5 SMEs, along with a leading research center, Ruđer Bošković Institute, the National Children's Hospital, DigitalEurope, and DigitalSME..

The initiative is set to deliver 46 revamped and integrated bachelor's and master's degree programs, complemented by 16 modular learning opportunities for lifelong learning. These innovative educational offerings are designed to produce 6558 graduates and upskill 660 professionals with specialized digital competencies critical to advancing healthcare practices across Europe.

"This is a pivotal moment for European healthcare education," muses Professor Minna Isomursu, SUSA's project leader and Professor at the University of Oulu. "Through SUSA, we are creating a workforce that can harness digital health data to revolutionize patient care,

improve efficiency, and contribute to a more sustainable and equitable healthcare system. By integrating cutting-edge technology and interdisciplinary collaboration into education, we are not just preparing students for the future — we are equipping them to shape it.”

## A new education model for the digital era

The SUSA educational framework addresses critical gaps in healthcare's digital competencies by introducing innovative content on data, artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, Internet of Things (IoT), sustainability, regulation and global health. These competencies are embedded in the degree programs of participating universities, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and equipping students with real-world skills needed to work effectively in today's healthcare settings.

The curriculum also offers flexibility through lifelong learning modules, targeting healthcare professionals seeking to update their digital skills. Designed to accommodate diverse career paths, these modules enable medical professionals, care providers, and technical staff to integrate advanced digital tools into their work, enhancing employability and supporting career growth.

“Healthcare is evolving rapidly, and so should its education system,” Professor Minna Isomursu adds. “The integration of academic knowledge with industry expertise ensures our graduates are not only skilled but also ready to lead in transforming healthcare practices globally.”

## Supporting a Sustainable Future

Funded by Digital Europe Programme, SUSA aligns closely with European Union goals, including the European Green Deal and Digital Decade objectives, by promoting sustainable healthcare solutions through advanced education. By training a generation of professionals proficient in data-driven decision-making, the project supports long-term policy objectives such as reducing environmental impact, improving resource efficiency, and enhancing patient outcomes.

“This launch signifies the beginning of a bold journey to transform the European healthcare landscape,” says Professor Isomursu. “Through the SUSA Project, we are demonstrating the power of collaboration and education to drive meaningful change in healthcare systems worldwide.”

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