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# **Deinstitutionalisation in European context, exploratory opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on long-term care and deinstitutionalisation**

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# Exploratory opinion of the EESC on long-term care and deinstitutionalisation

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At its 508th plenary session, **27 May 2015**, the European **Economic and Social Committee adopted** the following opinion by 139 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions.

# DI based on The UNCRPD

## - The Key Principles

- ✓ Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy and independence
- ✓ Non-discrimination
- ✓ Full and effective participation and inclusion in society
- ✓ Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity
- ✓ Equality of opportunity
- ✓ Accessibility

# **Major issues for discussion:**

**Target groups of DI**

**Diversity of DI target groups**

**What institution means in DI context**

**DI risks**



# DI target groups

- ✓ Orphaned children
  - ✓ Family environment
- ✓ People with disabilities
  - ✓ maximum o independence
- ✓ Elderly people
  - ✓ Integrated care

*Each target group requires specific community based srevices.*

# Diversity of DI target groups

## People with disabilities:

Kind of disability and severity

Length of the institutionalisation

Age

Rehabilitation

Systems for support



# What institution means in DI context

**The Guidelines define an institution as any residential care where:**

- ✓ residents are isolated from the broader community and/or compelled to live together;
- ✓ residents do not have sufficient control over their lives and over decisions which affect them; and
- ✓ the requirements of the organisation itself tend to take precedence over the residents' individual needs.

# DI risks

## Worsen the quality of life:

- ✓ Homelessness
- ✓ Inactivity
- ✓ Singleness
- ✓ Violence





# **DI risks management**

**Timely rehabilitation**

**Tailor made community based services  
are available**

**Positive attitude of the society**

# Thank you for your attention!



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