



Empowerment of Disabled People 2 Seas Cluster Conference the user's view

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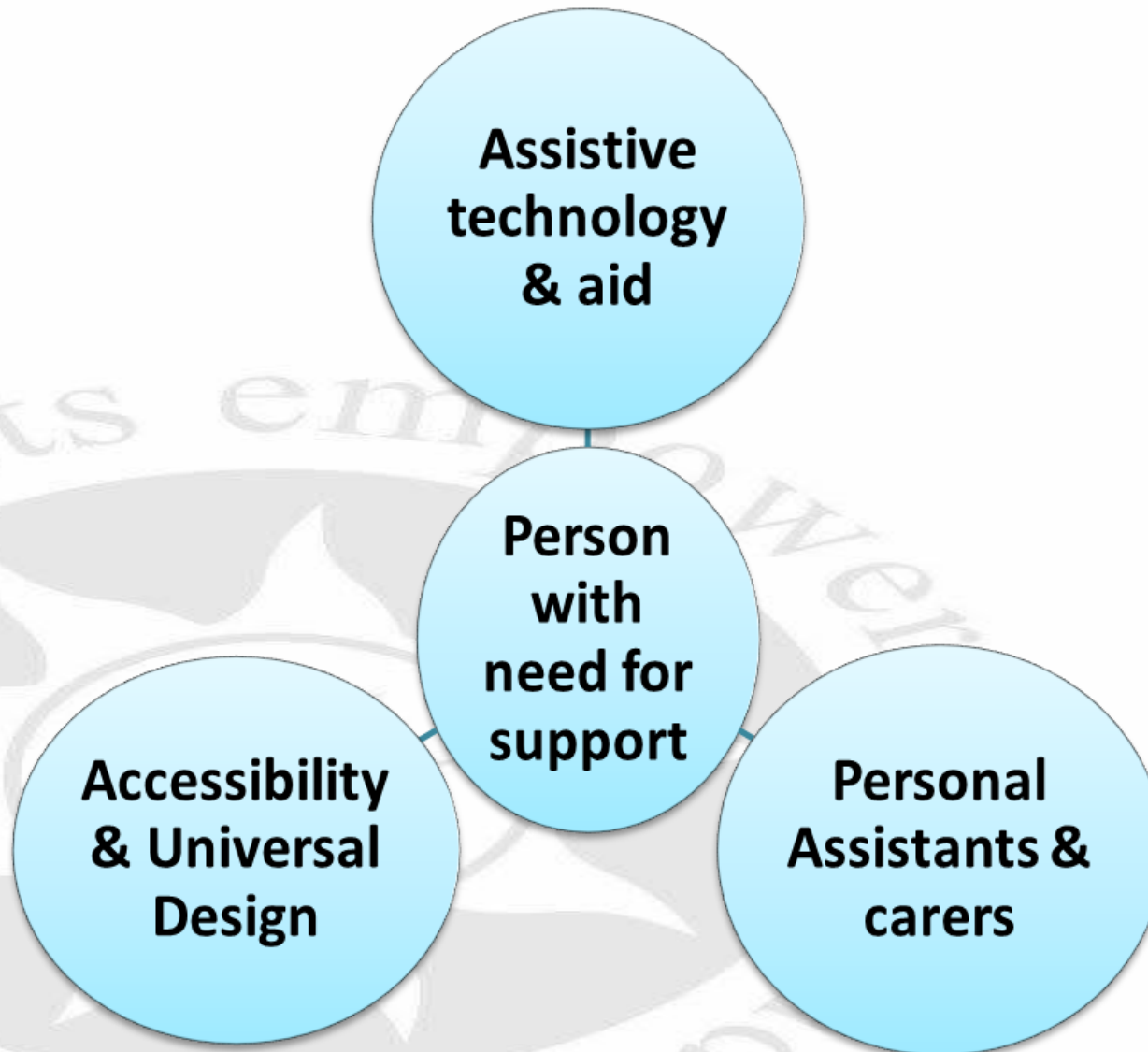
- Expert by experience
- Research & policy work
- Disability & human rights activist
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- Lectures
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Assistive technology as a tool for empowerment: the context

- Paradigm shift: from care to support
- Independent Living is a Human Right
- UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities
- Disability Studies
- Growing number of users
- Importance of cost-effectiveness

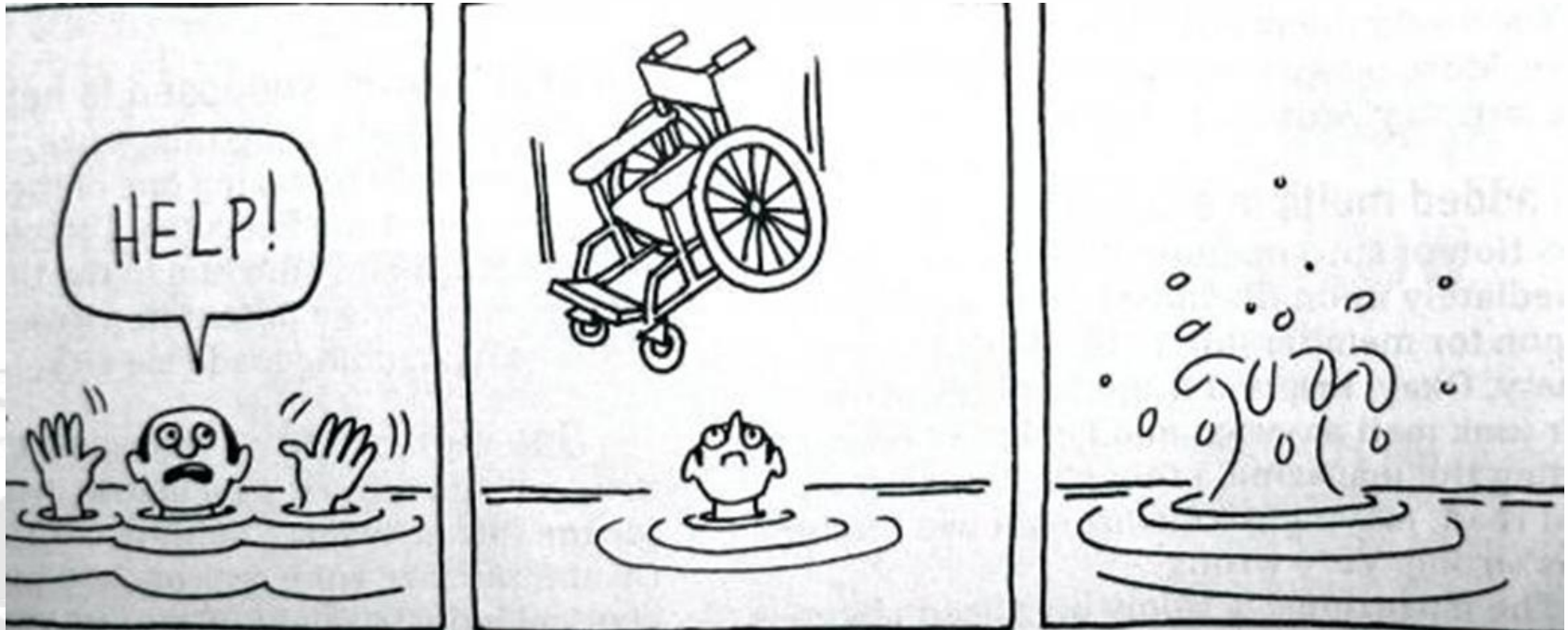
Important correlation



Progress is made, but not enough!



Assistive technology from user perspective



How to make your own expertise count?

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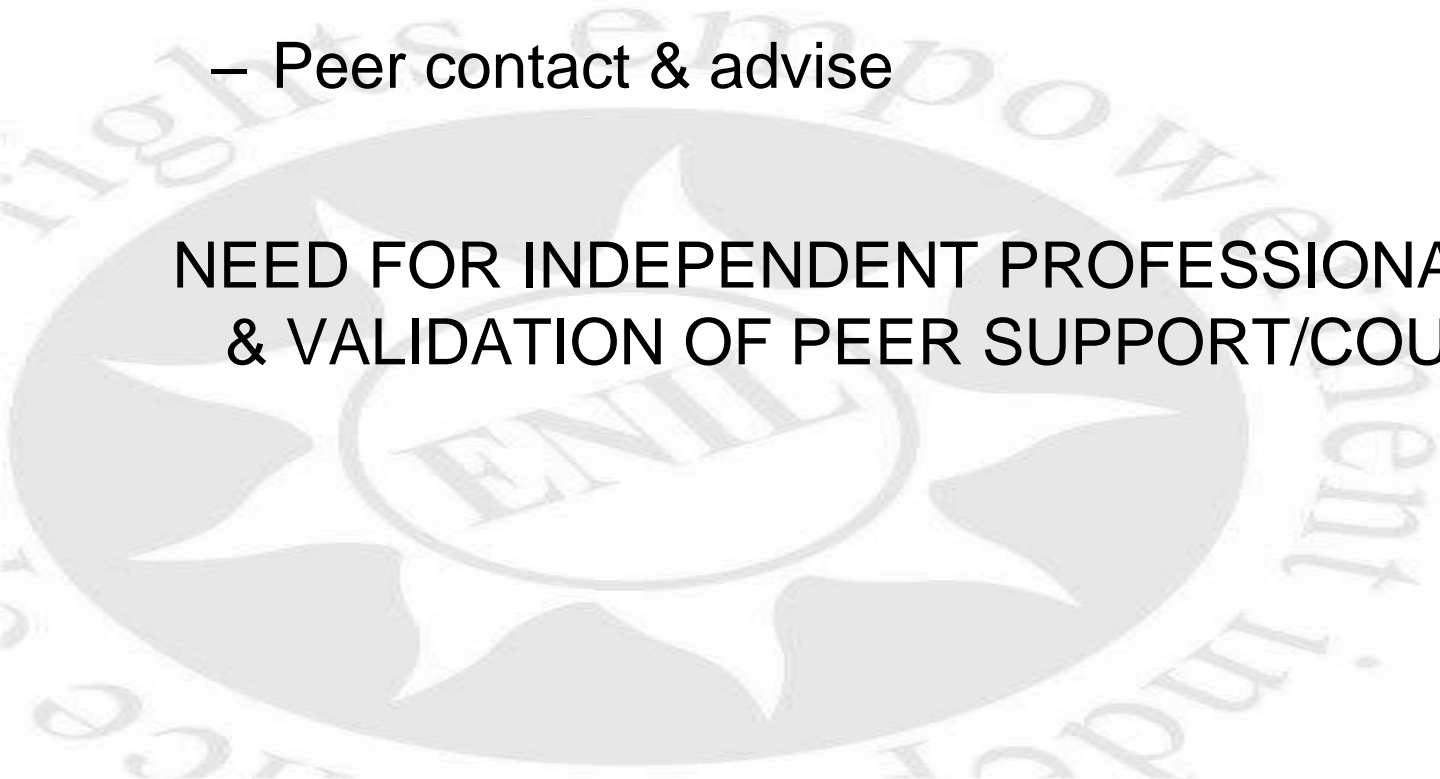
It's the outcome that counts!

Assistive technology from user perspective

How to get informed & make the right choices?

- Assistive technology providers
- Government & administration
- Peer contact & advise

**NEED FOR INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVISE
& VALIDATION OF PEER SUPPORT/COUNSELLING**



General principles

- Really put the person (user) central
 - User involvement in Assistive technology development & policy
 - Look at individual outcome / Quality of Life
 - Assistive technology as tool for participation & empowerment
- Assistive technology development is just a part of the solution
 - Independent advise, personalisation, training, maintenance, ...
- Transparency & dialogue between users, producers/providers & government. More trust!
 - Rethink financing, rethink market, improve administration, controle & follow up
 - Co-production www.enil.eu/policy/faq/

Assistive technology benefits and empowers the entire society!





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