



Support services role in breaking the cycle of poverty

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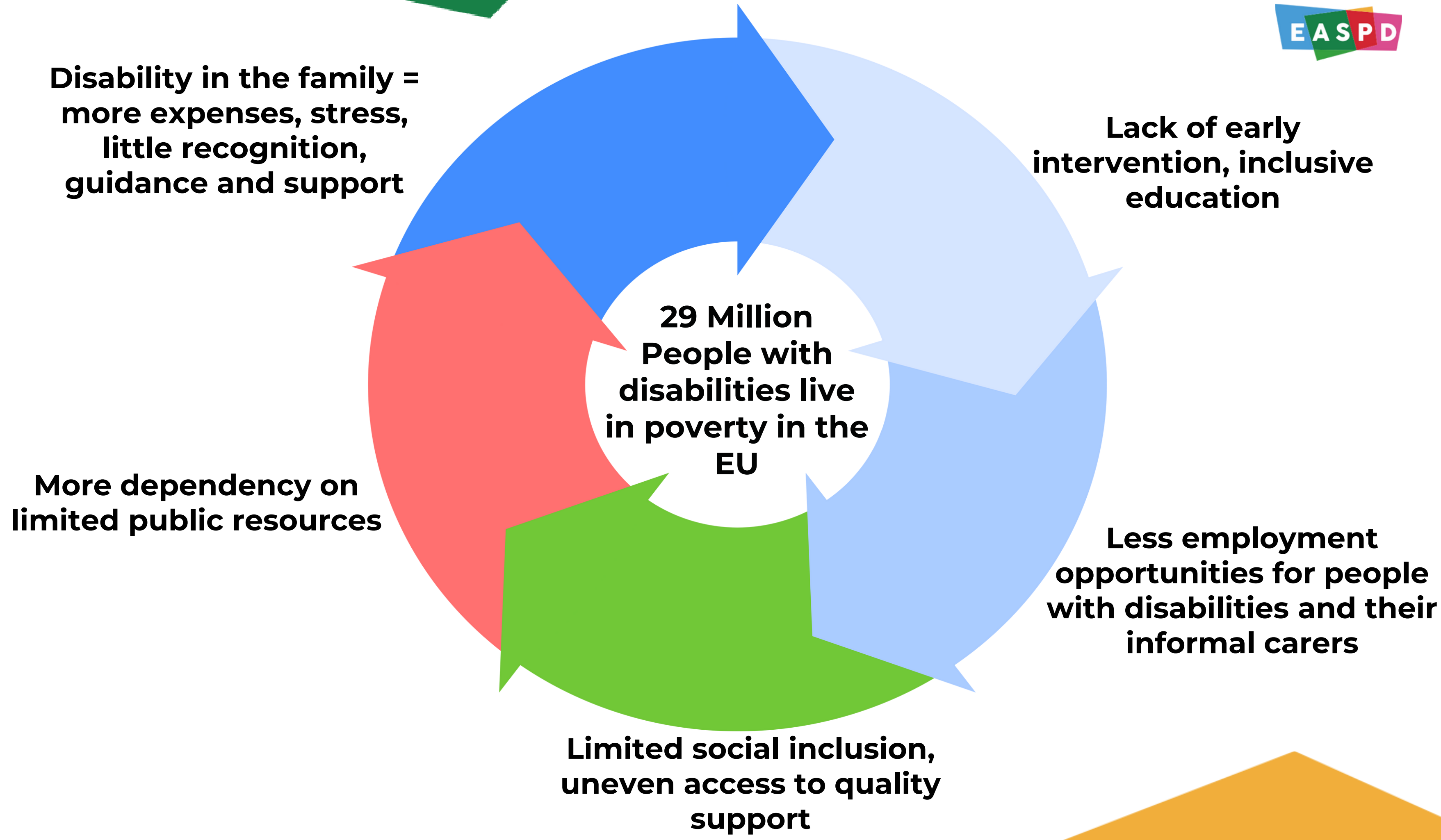


Breaking the cycle

How support services fight poverty



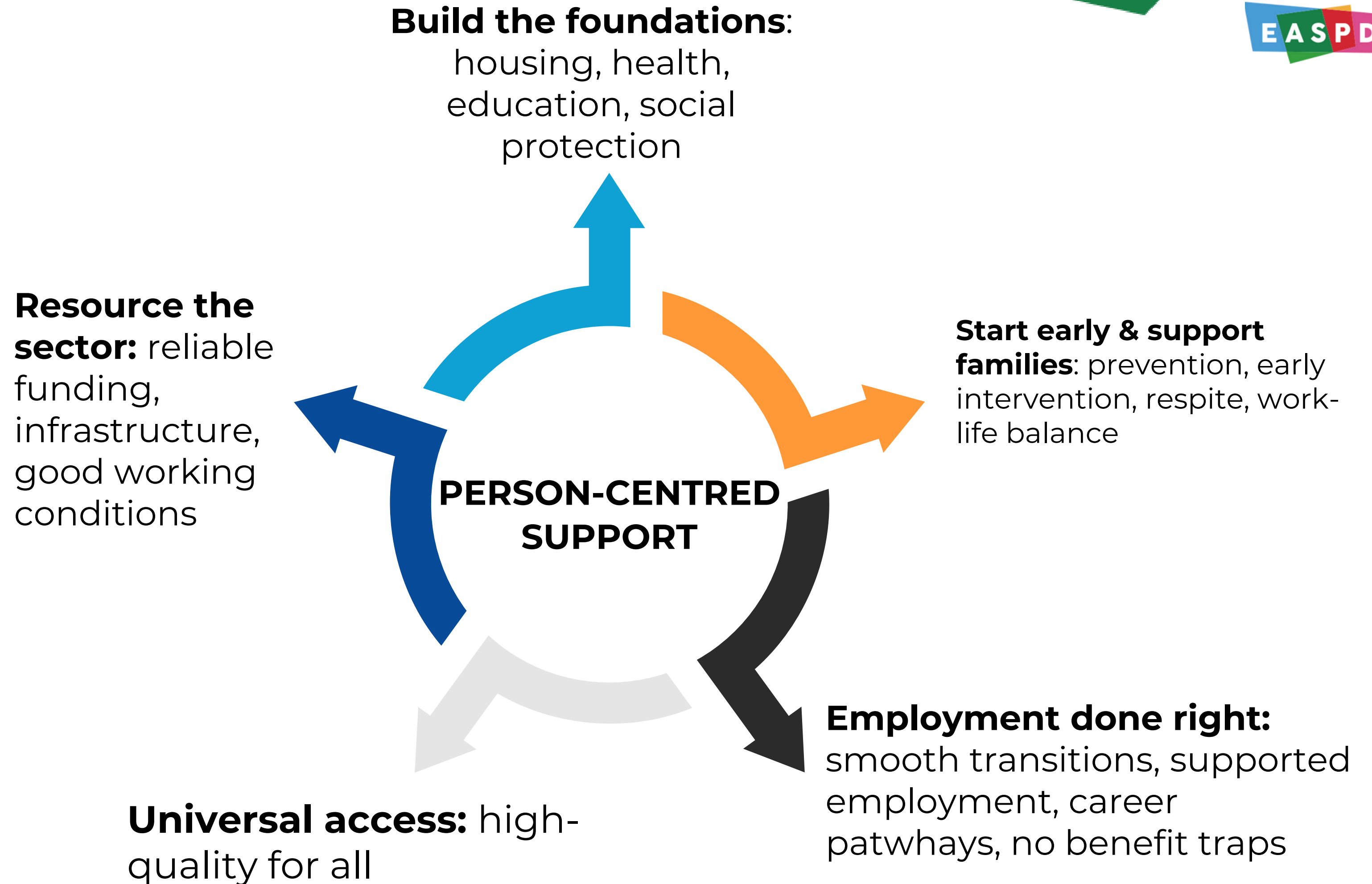
- Leading voice of disability services across Europe
- 20,000 services in over 50 countries
- Human rights and equal opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high-quality support.



Quality services can break the cycle if they are...



- **Person-Centered:** individual choice and control
- **Community-Based:** Living, learning, working in the community
- **Integrated:** working together across all life areas
- **Well-Trained & Supported Staff:** Training, fair wages, good conditions



Looking Ahead: Welfare Technology

Strategically combine technology with strong social protections



What it enables:

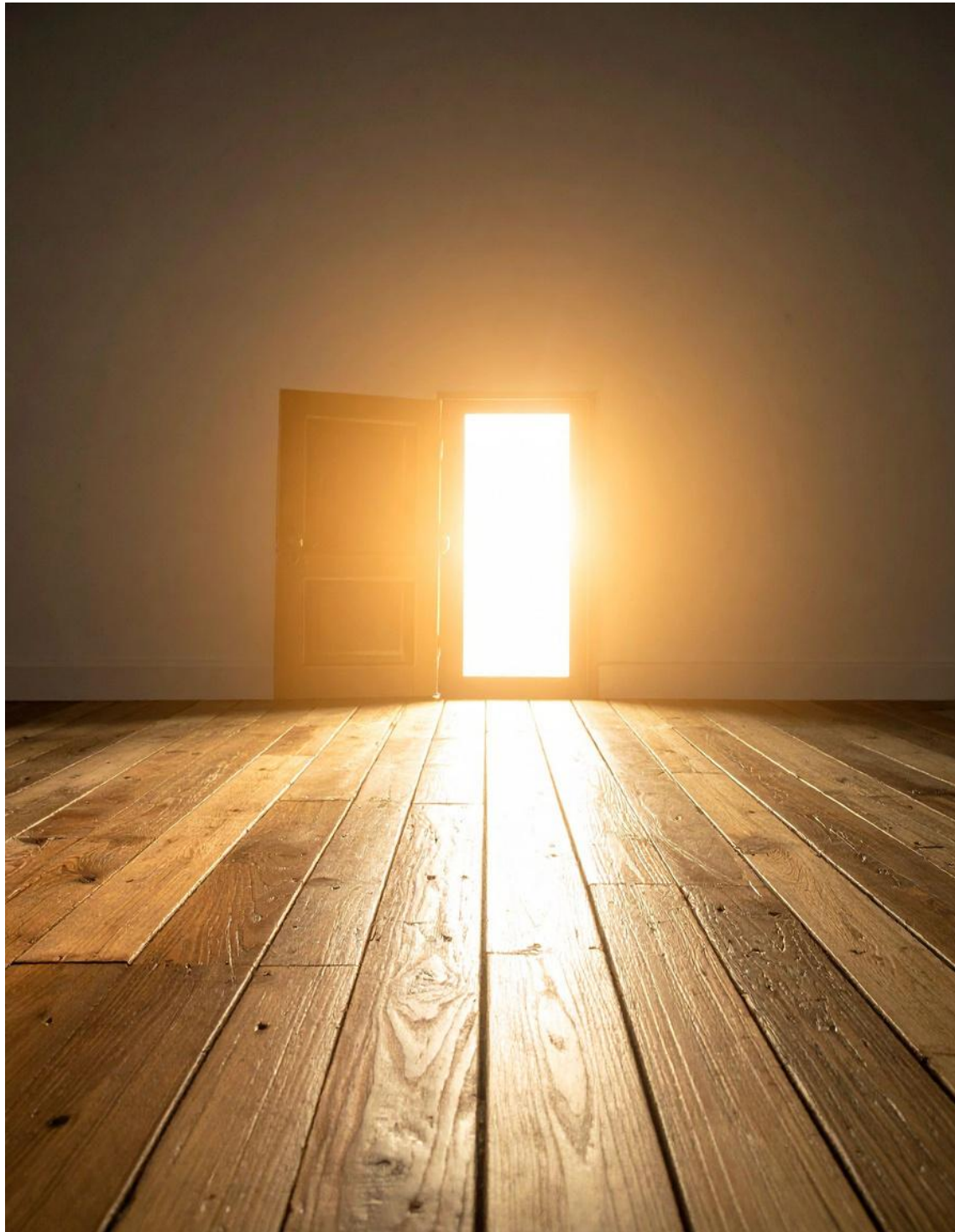
- People living independently with dignity
- Workers freed from admin burden
- Quality care, not just efficient care

What we must avoid:

- Digital exclusion = new form of poverty
- Technology replacing people instead of supporting them

The EU Anti-Poverty Strategy

A critical opportunity



Not just poverty reduction: Human dignity. Social inclusion. The Europe we choose to build.

Success requires partnership: Public authorities • Civil society • Social partners • People with lived experience / DPOs/families • Service providers

And synergies: EU Disability Strategy, Affordable Housing Plan, Child Guarantee, Unions of Skills, Quality Jobs Roadmap, Public Procurement, State Aid revisions, new MFF.

The time is now

Support services can break the cycle of poverty.

But only with the right conditions.
Let's build them together.



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