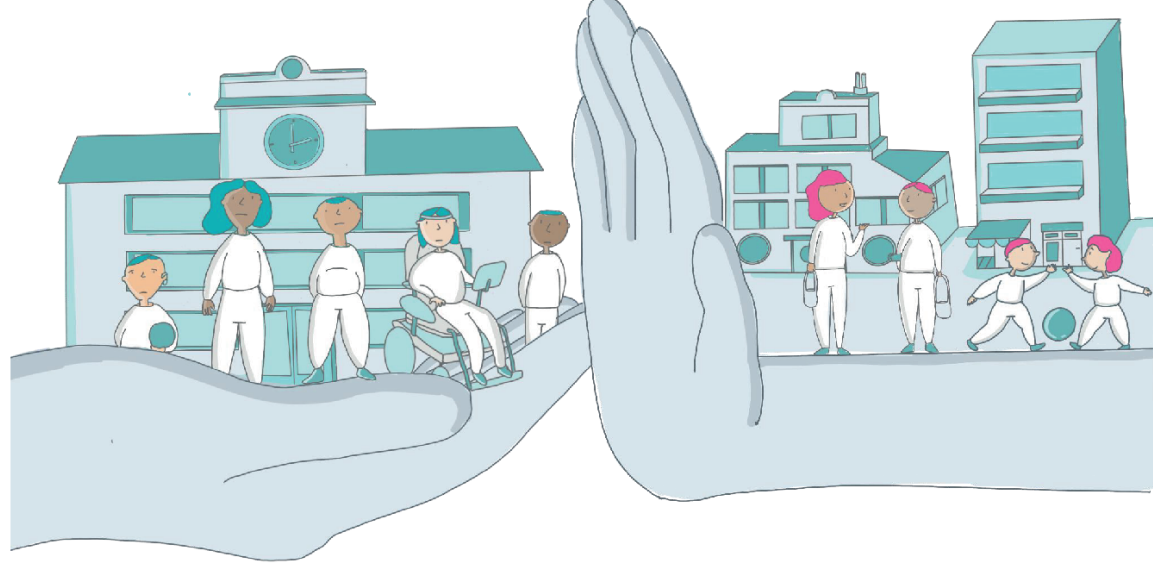


What is deinstitutionalization and independent living - Infographic

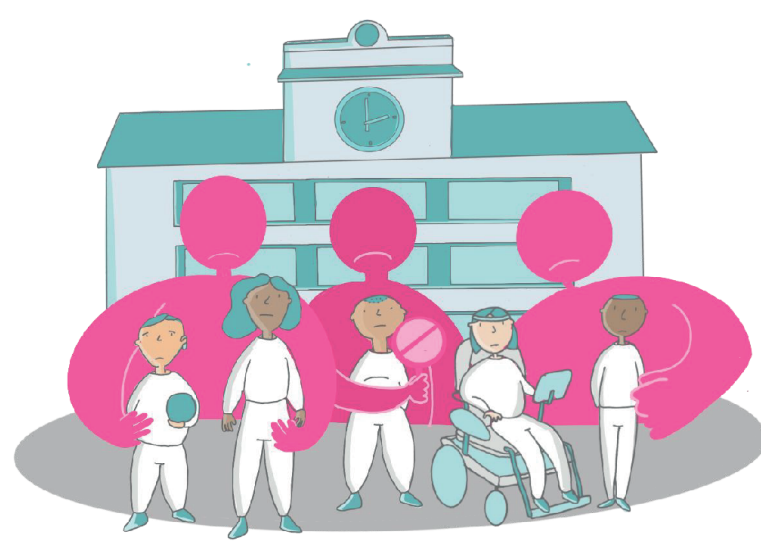
There are **1.5 million people** with disabilities in the European Union that live in institutions separated from society.



People with disabilities face many problems in institutions.

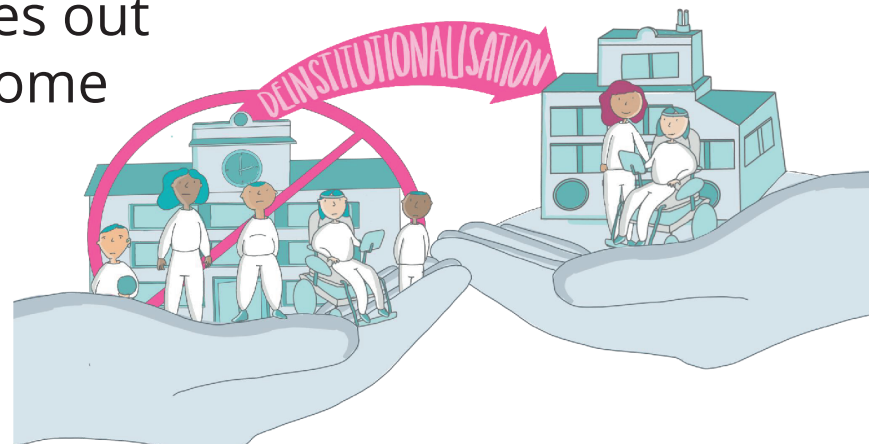
For example, the institution has **full guardianship** over people with disabilities and people with disabilities may experience violence.

During COVID-19 many people with disabilities **died** in institutions.



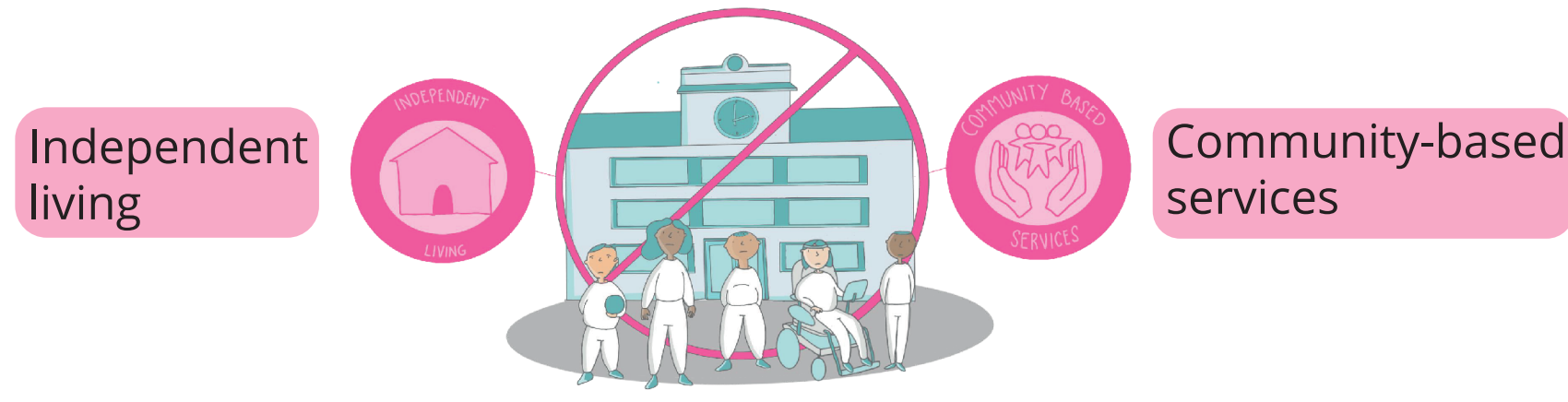
Deinstitutionalisation is the process of moving people with disabilities out from institutions to their own home with personalised support.

The **European Union** needs to support deinstitutionalisation



How to support deinstitutionalisation

There are two ways to support deinstitutionalisation.



Independent living

Independent living means that persons with disabilities can make their **own decisions**. Who they live with and organise their lives

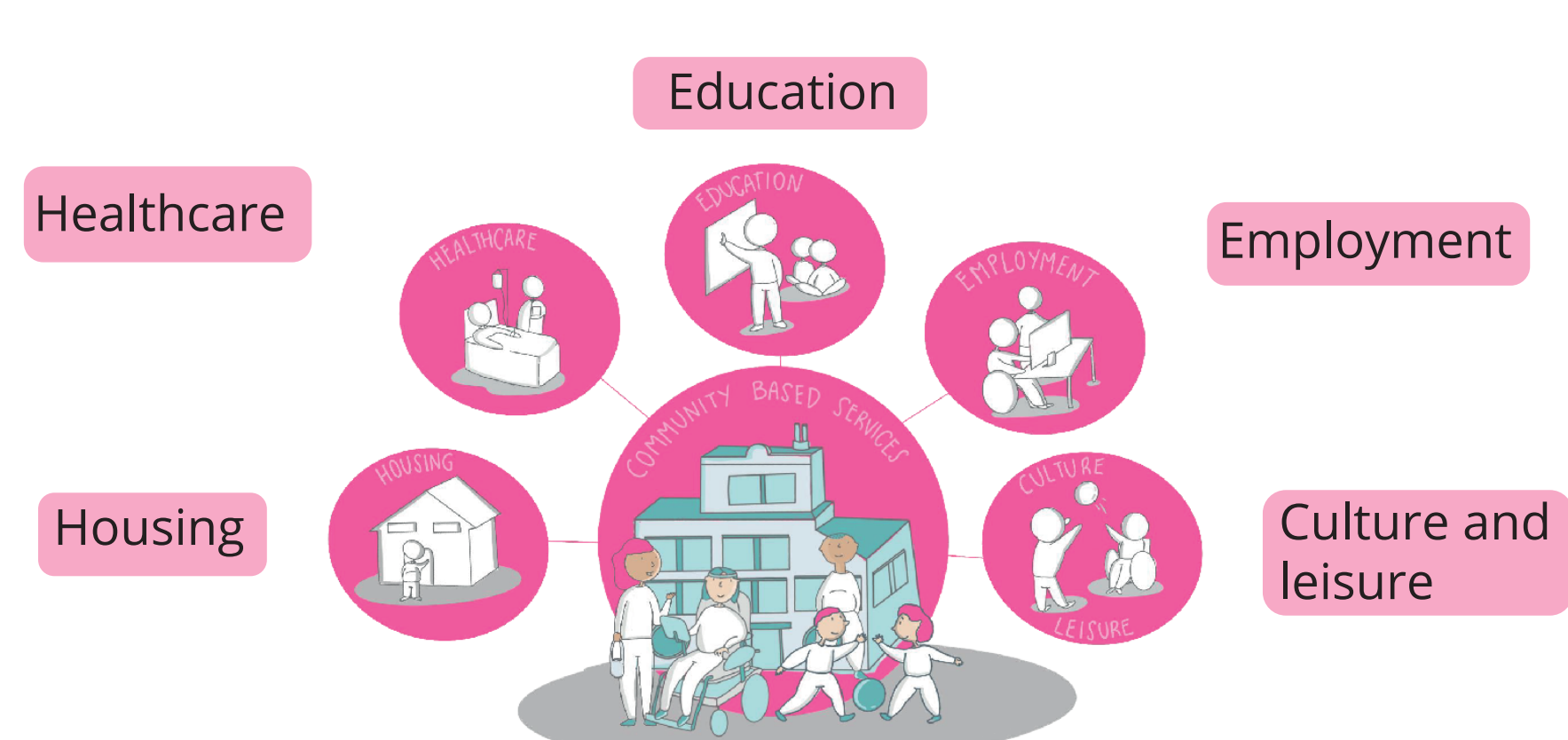
People with disabilities need **accessibility** to be independent.



Community based services

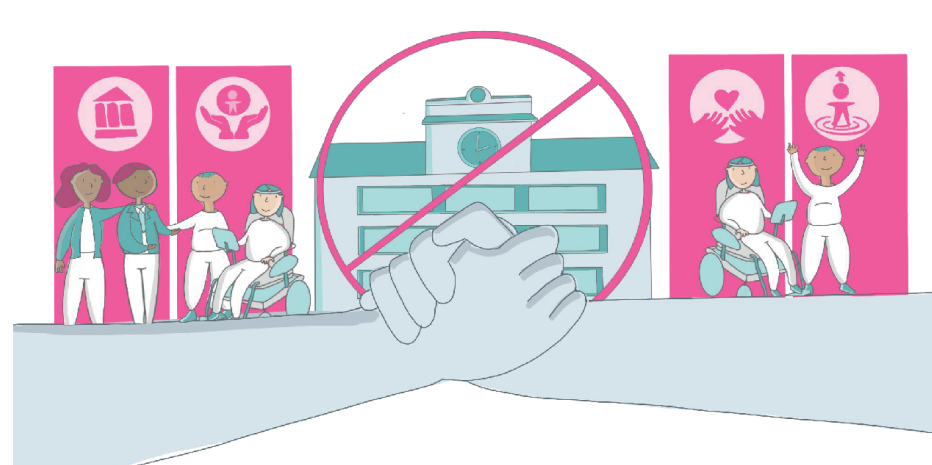
Community based services mean that persons with disabilities must have access to various services that enable them to live and be part of the community.

Services that need to be accessible for people so they can live independently are:



End segregation of persons with disabilities

To achieve full inclusion and end segregation of persons with disabilities governments must work closely with organisations of people with disabilities.



We have to work together to make deinstitutionalisation a reality because people with disabilities have the right to enjoy their full rights.

