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Setting the Scene

‘The Past and Future of EU Action to Achieve Community Living and De-Institutionalisation’

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1. The Values Behind the Law.

2. The Law

**3. The Added Value of EU Action in
partnership with our member States**

1. The Values Behind the Law.

**Autonomy, Self-Determination:
Voice, Choice and Control.**

+ Social Inclusion

= 'Home' & 'Belonging'

2. The Law

Article 19 /+ + + +

Operational Goal – Community Living regardless of difference

Based on Choice & Preferences – 19.a

With Personalised Services & Budgets to make it happen 19.b

Changing Existing Community-based services to make them accessible.

Rome was not but in a day – the place of ‘progressive achievement’

3. The Added Value of the EU

Backdrop:

Ratification of the UN CRPD – alongside Member States

Declaration of Competence – explicitly includes ESIF

Marrying Principle with Power – 2013 Changes to ESIF Regulations

Work In Progress...../

Substance: Getting Beyond Trans-Institutionalisation to De-Institutionalisation
Ensuring 'Additionalty'

Process: Who, what, when, where.....

Eco-System: Harnessing all assets - Research, Guidance, assistance, consistency across
Funding/Programme Instruments

Conclusions

We have the tools – they allow for organic evolution and growth. ESIF is the very Epitome of Subsidiarity and Additionality – Constructive partnership. Europe at its best.

We have the knowledge – especially on **budgets and change management**.

There is no going back – the goals are as important as ever across the lifecourse – Its Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive. Besides which we have general human rights obligations and specific ones under CRC, CRPD...../

We need **to get beyond – and plan to get beyond - Trans-Institutionalisation**.

We need to get **more people engaged in the process**.

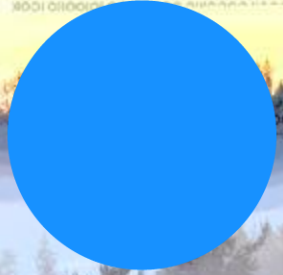
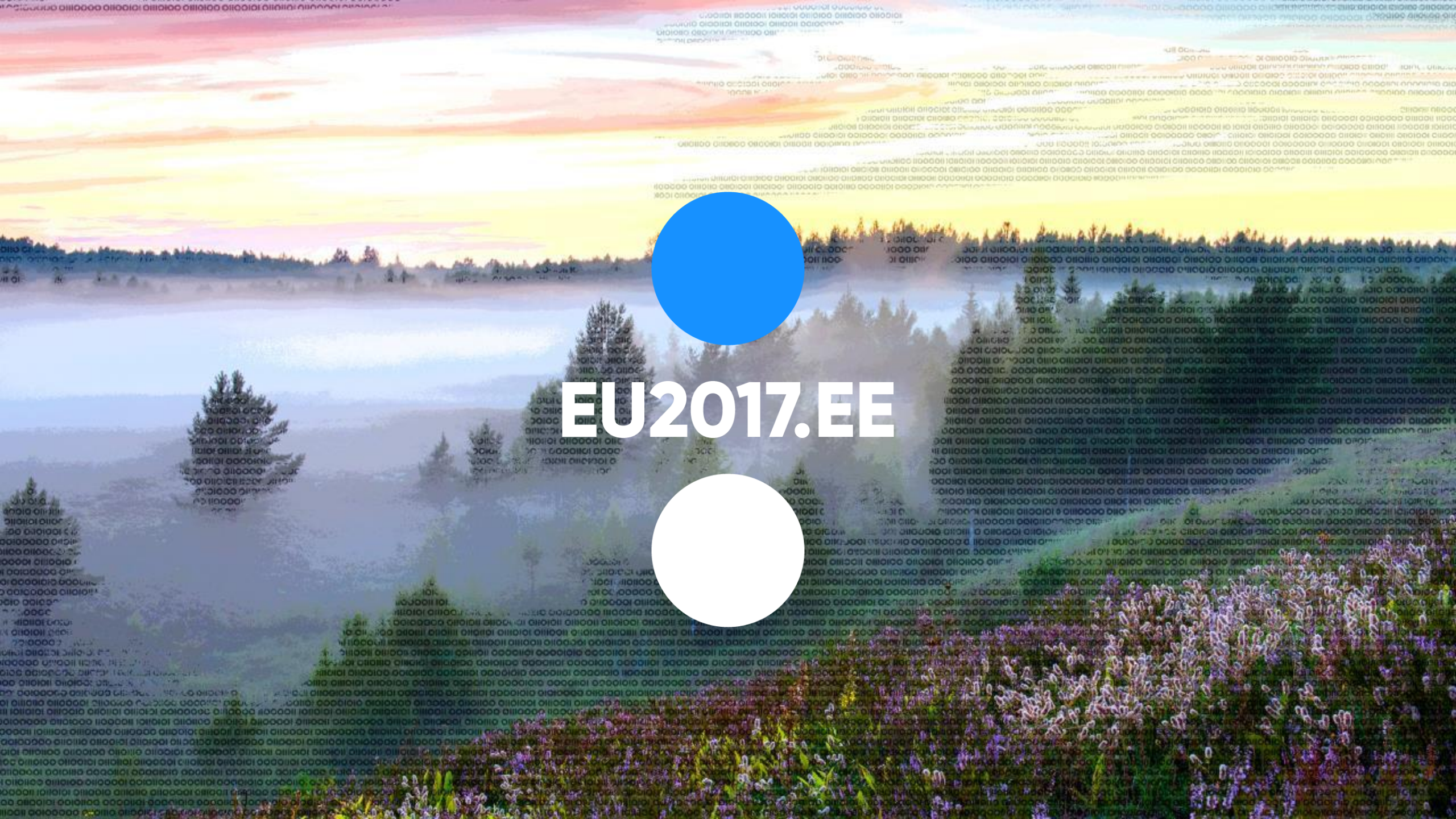
We need Europe to **set standards and not just follow them....**

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