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A fundamental transition: Personal budgets in Flanders

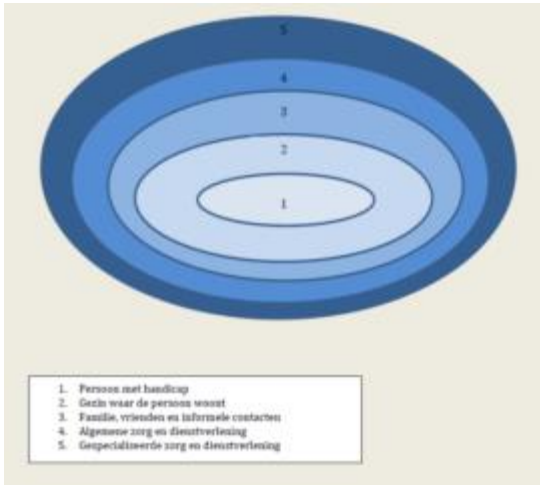
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The core idea of the new policy

Perspective plan 2020 - UN Treaty PwD - PVF decree



- Circle 1: self care
- Circle 2: usual care & support within family
- Circle 3: voluntary support by family, friends, neighbours
- Circle 4: support by scheduled services
- Circle 5: support, directly and non-directly accessible, funded by the VAPH

Socialisation of the care. Shared care and support.

Assuming responsibility. Inclusion & participation.

The system

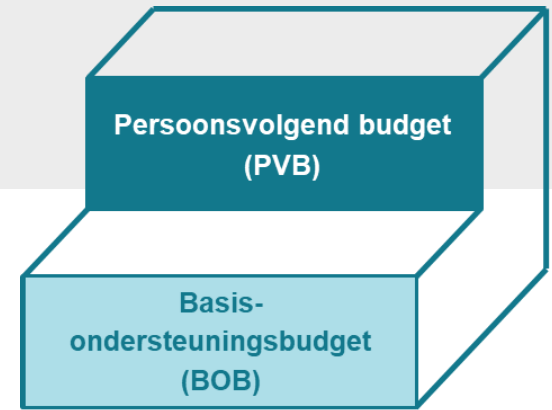
Two stages:

Basic assistance budget (**BOB**)

- 300 euro/month, not conditional
- for persons with recognised disability and limited need of assistance
- payment by care funds (VSB)
- automatic allocation of BOB entitlement, phased introduction

Person-linked budget (**PVB**):

- budget tailored to demand and care level
- for people with a need for more intensive assistance
- allocation and payment by VAPH, application procedure
- spending must be accounted for, broad spending possibilities



Application/Allocation/Spending

PVB application:

- clarify demand and draw up a support plan
- identify disability and support need (care level)

PVB allocation:

- automatic allocation: need, speed, social necessity
- 3 priority groups: budget for each group, chronological order

PVB spend:

- choice of cash or voucher
- by agreement
- with certified and non-certified suppliers

Certified suppliers & assistance organisations: accredited capacity no longer available

CHALLENGES FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDERS/THE GOVERNMENT/THE AGENCY (VAPH)

- Service providers become Social entrepreneurs
 - Reorganize their offer of assistance and care on a demand driven base
 - Well trained Staff/ taking care of the Staff
 - Co-creation leads to TOTAL PROFIT
- Government :
 - Better enforcement
 - Set up a sustainable network of support

Tailor-made information and communication to each stakeholder

- Investing in extensive consultation with stakeholders
- refurbished website www.vaph.be
- A new digital VAPH newsletter
 - relating to persons with disabilities and their environments
 - the digital newsletter is open to subscriptions from anyone
 - Regular news on the services offered by the VAPH, developments, etc.
- Brochures: order and download from www.vaph.be/documenten
- Strong: quarterly magazine for persons with disabilities
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