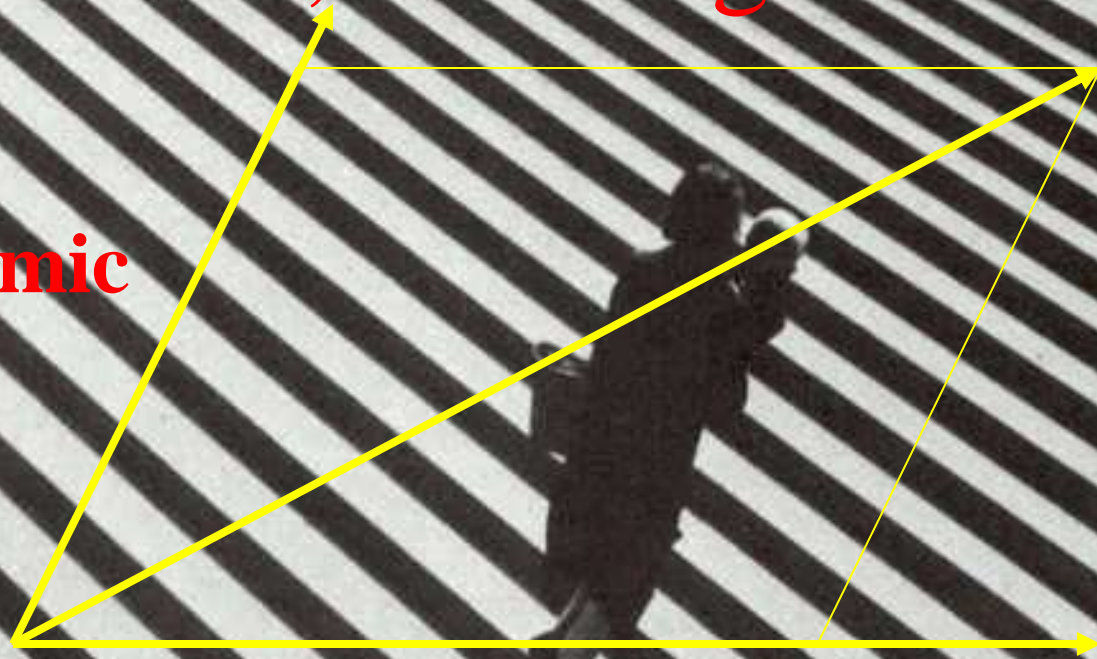


Deinstitutionalisation as a machine, as a diagram:

Polemic



Programmatic

Deinstitutionalisation Slovenia

1967 insemination

- experiment in Logatec
- Group dynamics

1985 articulation

- Camp in Hrastovec
- Committee for Social Protection of Madness

2001 implementation

- Hrastovec
- Resettlement in the long stay institutions
- Preparation of new legislation

1976 incubation

- Colonies and youth camps
- Voluntary work

1992 instauration

- First group home
- NGO and community services
- Study programme

2014? Systemic deinstitutionalisation

- Walkout
- National programme of social care
- European Structural funds



Total institution is an assemblage.

- The deinstitutionalisation of the medieval monasteries, courts and leprosaria gave birth to a new general total institution (*Great Closure*),
- social margin, indirect charity and caring professions were invented.
- The fall of the Bastille - yet another deinstitutionalisation
 - rebirth of special institutions (prisons, lunatic asylums, workhouses, borstals etc.),
 - efficient in discipline
 - providing a *simulacrum* status of the contractual individual.
 - Discontinuity of the labels and destinies.

Abstract machine

- escapes history; it is an abstract machine (Deleuze, Guattari, 1980),
- appearing in different forms in different historic epochs and different social environments.
- re-enacting the blueprint, abstract scheme, assembling of the machine from various historical matters (power) and assembling various expressions of human destinies.
- an ideal type: no concrete institution has all the features of the total institution and none of its features is characteristic only for the total institutions (Goffman, 1961)
- Although abstract it is very real, the total institution is a social fact (Castel, 1989).
- *aggiornamento* of the total institution, its ability to rise like Phoenix from the ashes (Castel, 1976)

Components

- *Enclosed space*
- *One explanation (illness)*
- *A lot of people in one place*
- *Gap between the staff and inmates*
- *Guardian power[1]*
- *Processing of the people*
- *Central plan*

[1] The staff take care of inmates, decide on their behalf.

Attributes

- **Total** – life is contained in its totality, *everything* is taken care of by others.
- **Anti-household** – there is no familiarity, even the housework is delegated to the special services.
- **Homogeneous** – create a mass of uniformed individuals, marked by one dominant characteristic (e.g. mental illness, crime)
- **Artificial** – people are not there because of friendship, kinship, common interests, their relationships are artificial and unavoidable.
- **Non-verbal** – although ideology is an important part of the total institution it is mainly regulated by non-verbal signs and rules (space, procedures, gazes, sitting orders, departments, medications, etc.).
- **Punitive** – life in a total institution is based on the reward and punishment – giving or taking privileges.
- **Intense** – although the inmates experienced it as a ‘loss of time’, the experience is remembered as intense and important.

Social functions

- *Containing the people* – not to wander around.
- *Producing the deviant careers* – if you have not been in the bin you are not a real loony.
- *Creating of the professional power* – “if we can not reach an agreement you can still be sent to the bin.”

Obstacles



- **Input of new resources**
 - Housing
- **Care culture**
 - Guardian feudal
 - Segmentary
- **Burn out**
- **Conflicts**

Challenges

- **Generate resources**
 - Public private
 - Independence of *funding*
 - *Informal resources*
- **Knowledge**
 - Countering new positivism (qualitative precision)
 - Epistemology of action (11th thesis)
- **Movement**
 - Young, street, guerrilla of non-violence
- **March through new territories**
 - “Double diagnosis”
 - Dementia
 - Old people
 - Long term care
- **Relationships**
 - **Paid by users**
 - **Taught by users**
 - **Managed by users**
 - Shared concern
- **Methods**
 - Open codification
 - Contextual
 - Dialogue

Table: deinstitutionalising machine

<i>Aim and target</i>	<i>Attack, critique and demolition</i>	<i>Programme, inventions and innovation</i>
Space and movement	Closing, containment of population	Opening, enabling movements
Type of programmes	Hard core of institutions – Community programmes for only easy “cases”	Programmes for hard “cases”
Relationship to total institution	Complementary – mutual reinforcement	Alternative – negate total institution
Relationship between the users and professionals	Dependence and oppression of users	Empowerment and inclusion
Social body	Special body	Connecting to other parts of the social

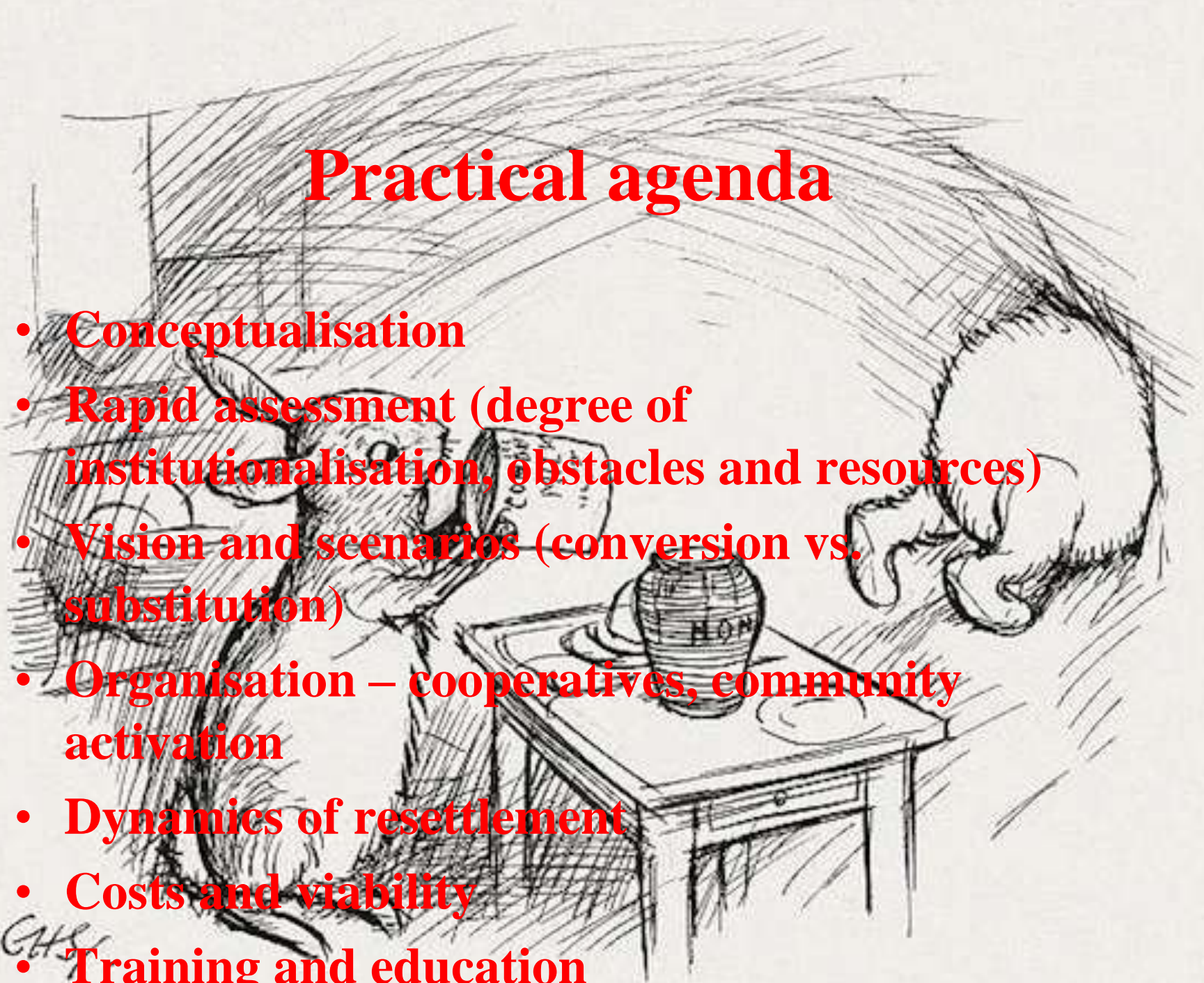
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<i>Aim and target</i>	<i>Attack, critique and demolition</i>	<i>Programme, inventions and innovation</i>
<i>Function of staff</i>	<i>Custodian, tutoring, guarding, patronising role of professionals</i>	<i>Role of an advocate</i>
<i>Other people</i>	<i>Segregation</i>	<i>Inclusion of different actors</i>
<i>Type of reasoning</i>	<i>Deductive</i>	<i>Inductive</i>
<i>Subjective</i>	<i>Guilt</i>	<i>Value of unique experience</i>
<i>Organisation of experience</i>	<i>Individualism, standardisation, isolation</i>	<i>New spaces of collective freedom (camps, networks, total communities).</i>

Practical agenda

- **Conceptualisation**
- **Rapid assessment (degree of institutionalisation, obstacles and resources)**
- **Vision and scenarios (conversion vs. substitution)**
- **Organisation – cooperatives, community activation**
- **Dynamics of resettlement**
- **Costs and viability**
- **Training and education**

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Deinstitutionalisation

A white elephant and a white chair are positioned on a rocky shore. The elephant is on the left, and the chair is on the right. The background is a blue sky and a body of water.

- **New technologies, not only the idea**
- **Also an abstract machine**
- **Ideal type which can be felt:**
- **Humour, openness, possibility and challenges, flexibility and friendship.**
- **Produces movement and shifts**
- **Expression of joy, but also truth – the spirit of deinstitutionalisation**