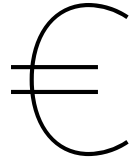




# Darja Pajk, Slovenia

## Funding priorities for adults

- Darja, from Slovenia, is a member of the Board of European Federation of Hard of Hearing, EFHOH, and their Treasurer.
- She is a member of the Steering Group of CIICA, and is a bilateral CI user.
- Darja Pajk is an occupational therapist employed in the field of social care in Slovenia.
- As an adult, she gradually lost her hearing completely
- She takes an active part in the World Hearing Forum group Make listening safe



Darja Pajk, OTs

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# Funding priorities for adults

# Specificities of persons with CI

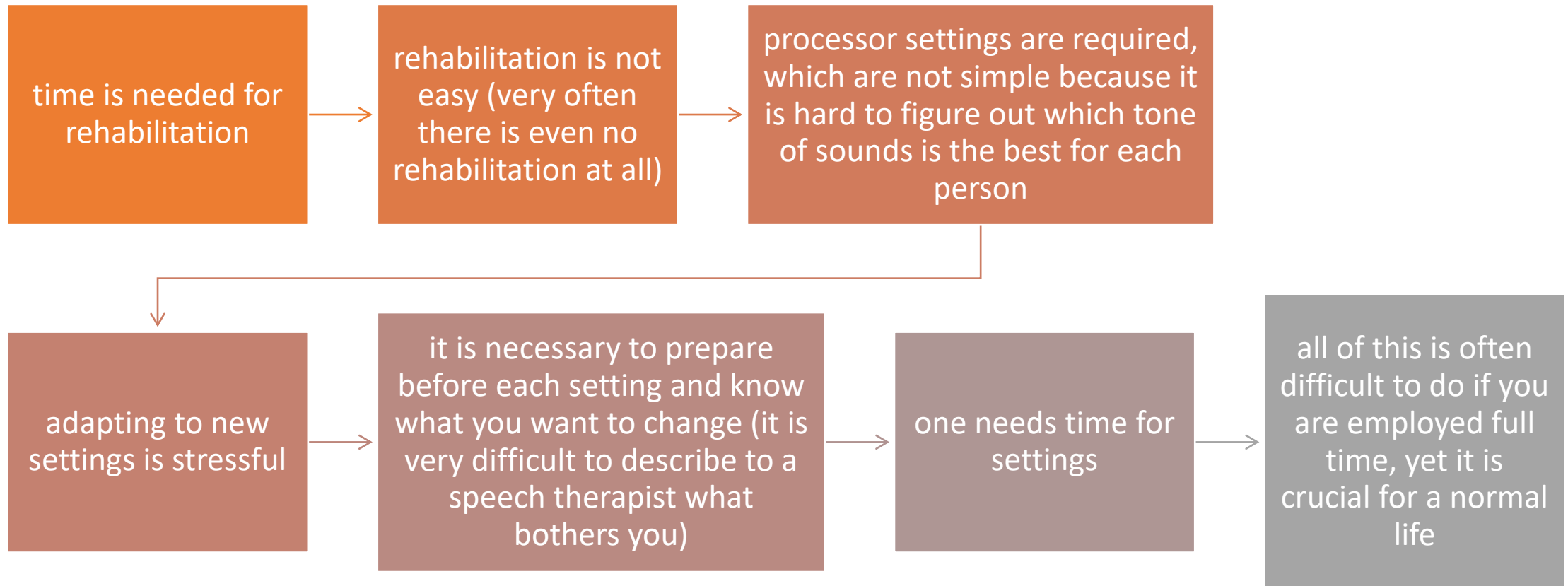
The ability to understand with CI is not the same for everyone and is not always optimal

They often use additional listening aids

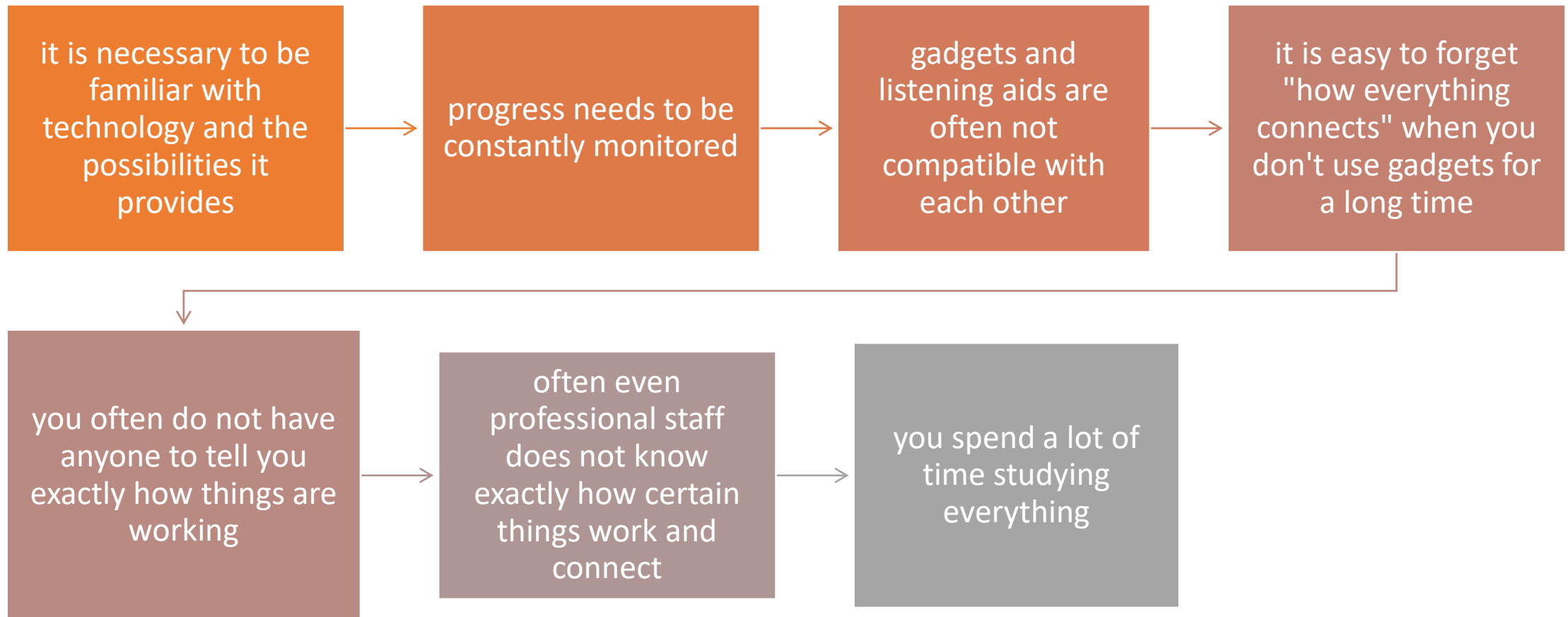
They have a high desire for "normal" life and work (as only this leads to independence in taking care of yourself and your family)

They aspire to have the lifestyle they lived before hearing loss

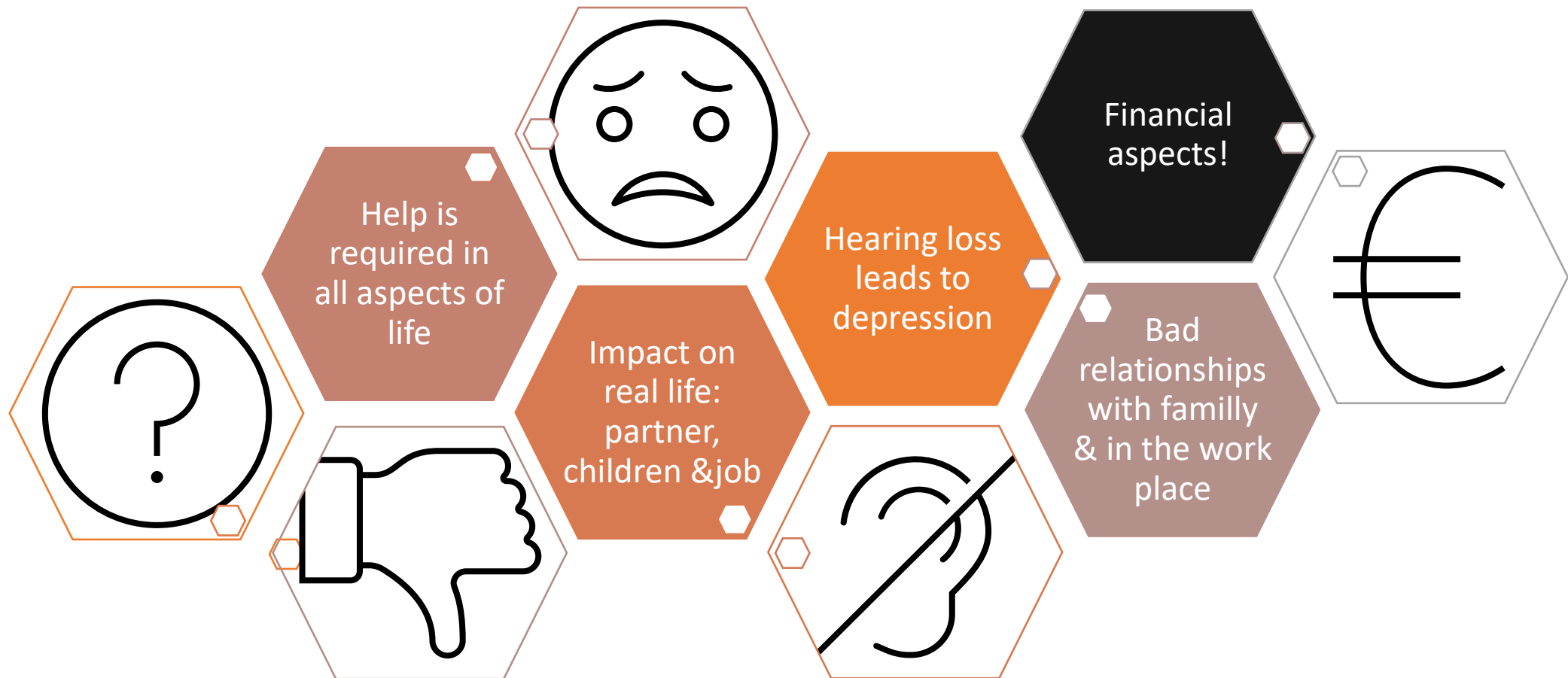
# Is the environment aware of the need for rehabilitation and programming?



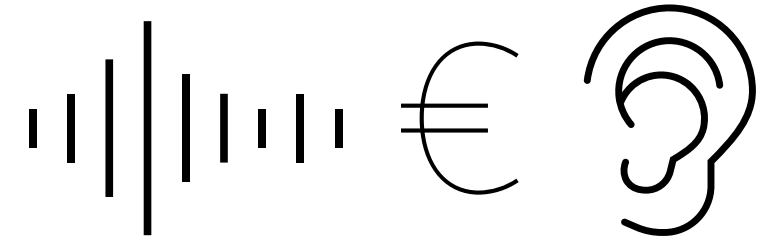
# Is the environment aware of the need for support for managing the technology?



# Is the price of CI too high in real life considering



# It is urgently needed



to constantly raise awareness that there are opportunities to hear with the help of CI

to understand the needs after cochlear implantation

to provide people with CI a broad network of support and understanding

to fund constant processor upgrades and settings that are accessible to all

to support funding for bilaterals

to understand that processor changes are required and provide replacement processors at a reasonable cost (loss)

to understand that people with CI live a normal life, but require some adjustments after cochlear implantation

to understand that it is more favorable for the state budget to provide people with CI than to take care of a person who is mentally devastated and unable to take care of themselves and their loved ones



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Hvala za pozornost  
Thank you for your attention