

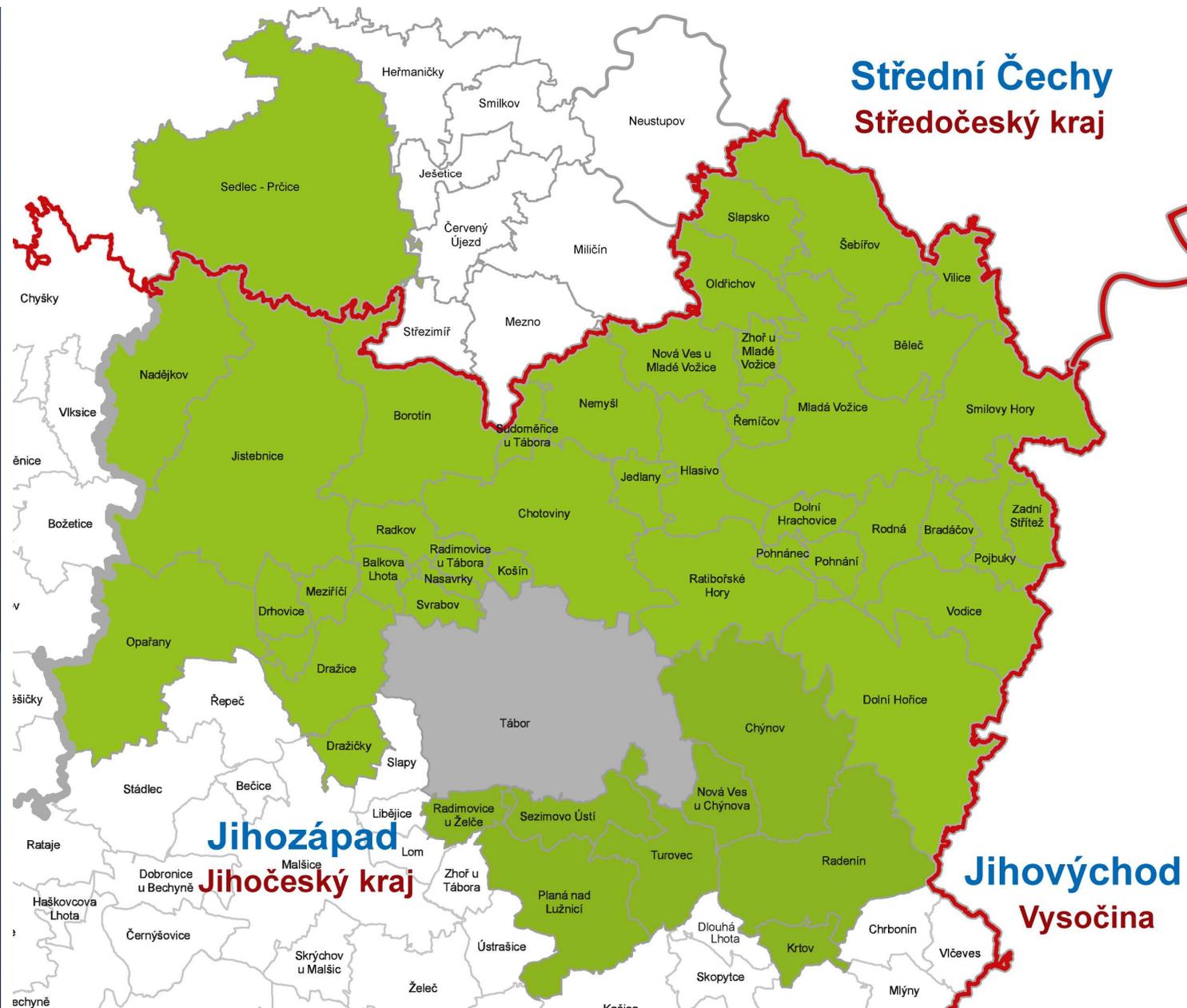
# LAG Krajina srdce and city of Tábor

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# About LAG territory



# LAG vs city

## LAG Krajina srdce

- LAG was founded in 2004 (territory of 40 municipalities, 21 000 inhabitants)
- LAG today has a territory of 50 municipalities, 36 119 inhabitants)
- 46 members: 2 churches, 8 municipalities, 1 school, 12 private persons, 8 NGOs, 10 farmers, 4 entrepreneurs, 1 association
- LAG moved the office to the city of Tabor („in the middle“ of the LAG's territory) in 2017
- No cooperation with the city of Tabor until 2022 (but LAG cooperates with social services providers and schools in Tabor)

## City of Tabor

- 34 301 inhabitants (limit to be involved in LAG is 25 000)
- The city had no active interaction with the countryside, there was no solidarity
- Natural bonds: people from rural area commute to jobs, schools, hospital, shopping to Tabor
- 2022 breaking point in relationship between LAG and Tabor

# 2022 war in Ukraine

## LAG started taking measures

- We mapped the LAG territory in terms of the possibility of providing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees
- We looked for volunteers to help with their transportation, then also with the collection, sorting and distribution of humanitarian aid, translation, escorting to the offices etc.
- We housed about 500 refugees, recruited 48 volunteers
- We created a website for refugees for better orientation
- We got job offers for refugees
- We organized summer camps for Ukrainian children during the summer holidays
- We organized language courses which were held in public libraries.....
- We worked 24 hours 7 days a week...

# 2022 breaking point

## LAG + city of Tábor = new partnership

- LAG demonstrated an incredible capacity for action and made itself visible
- LAG was asked to become part of the crisis management for the Tábor region
- LAG became an equal partner of the city of Tábor, something happened that we could only dream of before 2022
- Meetings with city officials to discuss and resolve problems that have an overlap from the countryside to the city and vice versa.
- Solved topics: providing of social services and the search for ways to finance them more effectively; the quality of education; global warming and related environmental changes; reducing the amount of waste

Thank you for your  
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