

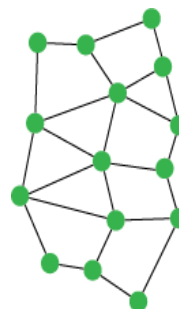


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Possible scenarios for a Regional Centre for Expertise on ESD in the Czech Republic

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RCE application blueprint

- Formal written application by June 2012, but...
- Identify local problems, local priorities, and existing capacity in relation to the objectives of the DESD
- Identify interested parties and strategies to build a vision for an RCE in the region
- Determine potential governance structure of an RCE. Who will be the major initiators and promoters of the RCE?
- Outline prospective actions.

Two models of existing RCEs

1. A link point & hub to promote ESD, a meeting point, a clearing house, knowledge broker: focuses on the technical aspects of knowledge, e.g. database development, website construction
2. A community of practice, an institutional mechanism for social learning, a learning network: views RCEs as sites of learning, a network with each partner contributing a different perspective & thereby creating new knowledge

Possible RCE scenario 1: Research Incubator

- RCE can be a research incubator in many forms.
- can initiate research related to most innovative forms of learning (focus on a process) in a formal educational setting or on the institutional arrangements that promote such learning.
- can look at the learning processes that should support SD processes within, for example, the transition to a green economy, etc.
- Investigating new science-policy interface - Jana will explain more

Possible RCE scenario 2: RCE NW Bohemia

- Classical regionally-based RCE
- Engagement of stakeholders relatively easy.
- Could later facilitate various other RCEs in the country or establish "chapters" of the RCE elsewhere (would need a justification on why not other RCEs).

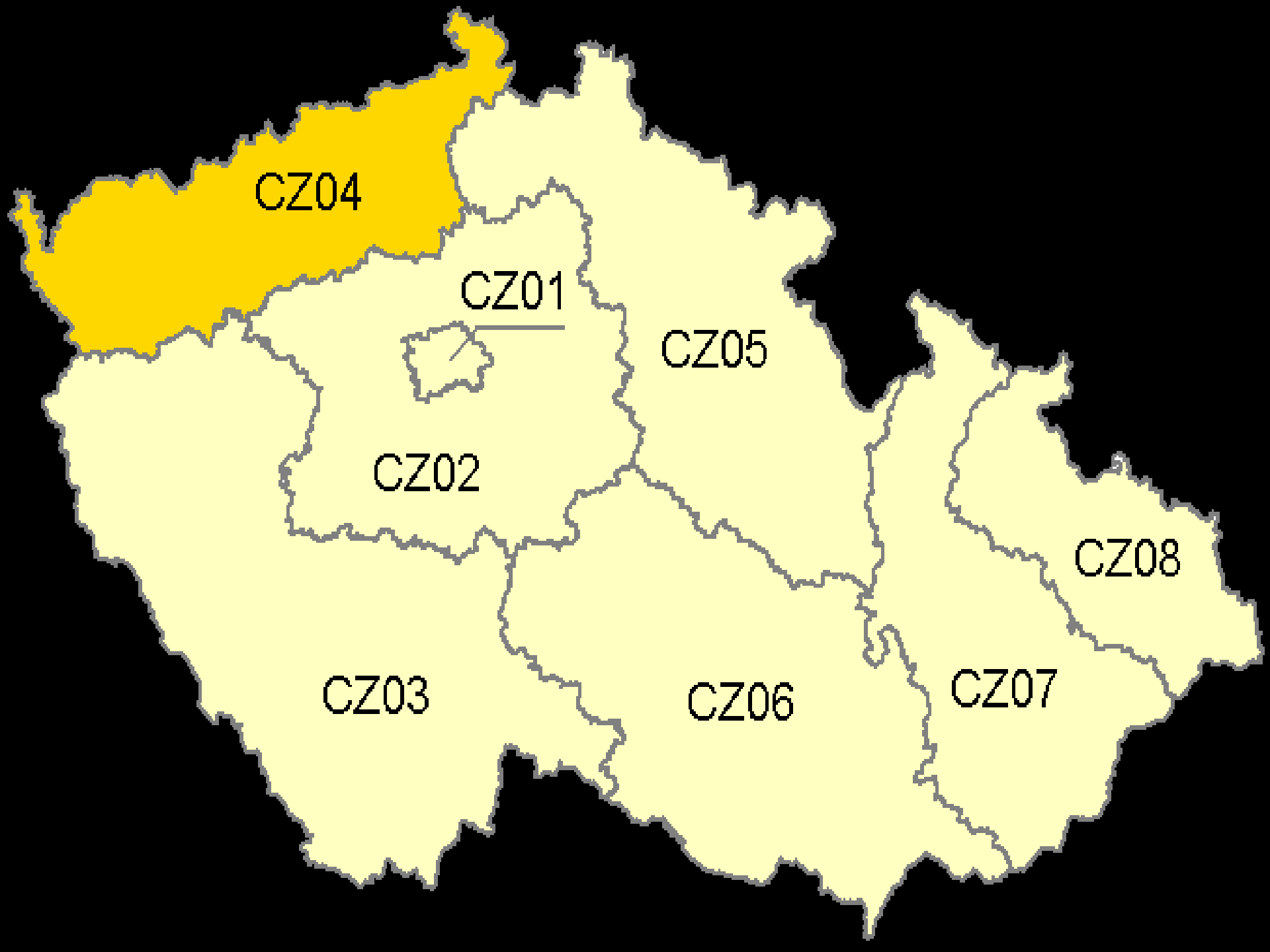
Geographical scope

- “A region in the RCE concept is seen as *a part of a country* having solidarity in economic, social, cultural and/or natural conditions, like Bretagne, Tohoku or Catalunya, or a cross-border area of similar size. The region should be ... small enough to make regular face-to-face communication possible.”

North West

North-West Bohemia

- NUTS 2 region CZ04 (Nomenclature of Regional Units for Statistics)
- Includes the regions of Usti nad Labem and Karlovy Vary
- It covers an area of 8,649 km² and 1,127,541 inhabitants (population density 130 inhabitants/km²)
- Includes the districts of: Cheb, Karlovy Vary, Sokolov, Děčín, Chomutov, Litoměřice, Louny, Most, Teplice, Ústí nad Labem



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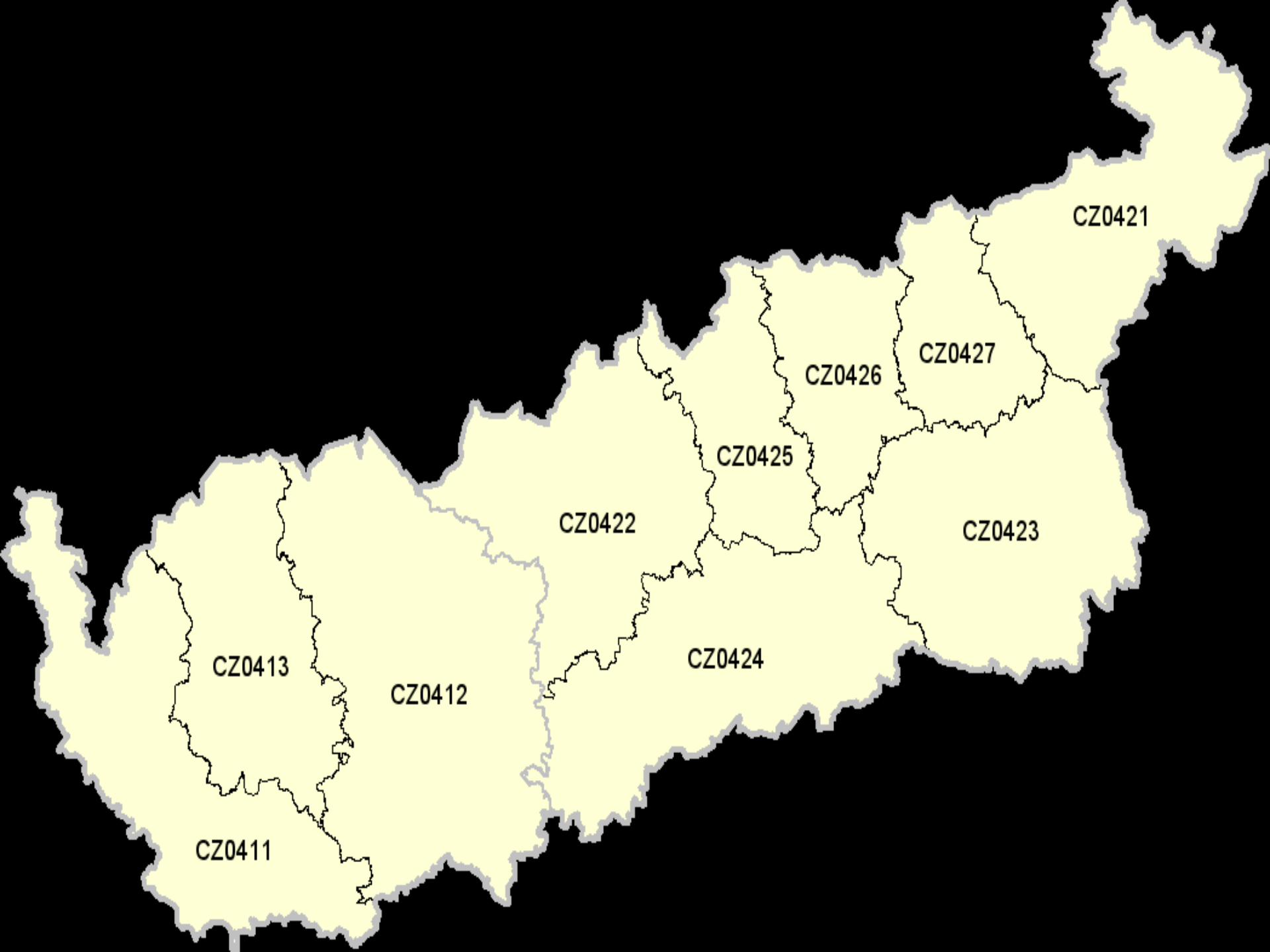
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Regional challenges

- Revival of post-industrial landscape
- High proportion of 'socially excluded' communities
- An economy over-reliant on mineral (brown coal) extraction
- High unemployment
- Legacy of Sudeten history & communist regime's emphasis on heavy industry; disconnect between people & landscape
- Human health issues stemming from high concentration of chemical and heavy industry
- Weak civil society, lack of democratic procedures

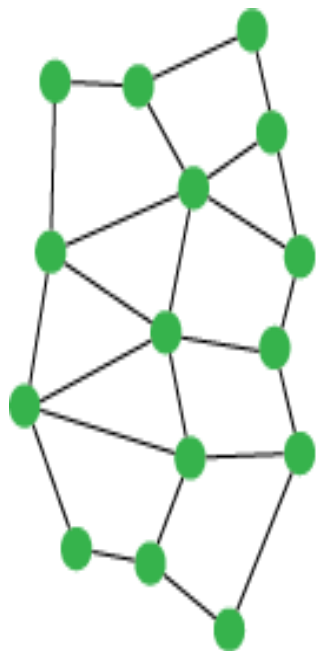
Let's watch a Hollywood film!!

[All Quiet On The Western Front 1979](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXtsiqrhqsU>

- Can you guess what this war movie clip possibly has to do with sustainability challenges in the Czech Republic? It's not an allegory either!! Think on a very practical level! 😊

Thanks for listening



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