

The formation of the Pobeskydí LAG in 2004 was not a random act but a natural consequence of processes that were started as early as during the second half of the 1990s. The joining of the Czech Republic to the EU and resulting opportunities for supporting rural development in programmes based on LEADER-type initiatives was an extraordinary impulse for the creation of a functional network of closely cooperating entities. The founder members comprised twelve organizations - voluntary associations of municipalities, private business entities and non-governmental non-profit organizations. The Pobeskydí LAG succeeded in all announced LEADER programmes in the period from 2004 to 2006, and it supported projects focused on the utilization of renewable energy sources, development of local community and culture, and tourism. The Pobeskydí LAG is not engaged only in the implementation of LEADERtype projects but it also devotes itself to lecture and publication activities, commercial activities (consultancy in the sphere of rural development) etc.

Members: AGRO - DOMINIK spol. s r.o.; Družstvo Raškovice; LUSTON o.p.s.; Mikroregion Žermamické a Těrlické přehrady, svazek obcí; Sdružení měst a obcí povodí Ondřejnice, svazek obcí; Sdružení obcí povodí Morávky, svazek obcí; Sdružení obcí povodí Stonávky, svazek obcí; SPOLSTAV KONSTRUKT s.r.o.; TERMO Frýdlant n.O. s.r.o.; TOZOS spol. s r.o.; Třanovice služby, o.p.s.; Zájmové sdružení Frýdlantsko-Beskydy, svazek obcí; ZO ČSOP Kunčice pod Ondřejníkem.

Municipalities of the territory: Albrechtice, Baška, Bílá, Brušperk, Bruzovice, Čeladná, Dobrá, Dobratice, Dolní Domaslavice, Dolní Tošanovice, Fryčovice, Frýdlant nad Ostravicí, Hnojník, Horní Suchá, Horní Bludovice, Horní Domaslavice, Horní Tošanovice, Hukvaldy, Chotěbuz, Janovice, Komorní Lhotka, Kozlovice, Krásná, Krmelín, Kunčice pod Ondřejníkem, Lhotka, Lučina, Malenovice, Metylovice, Morávka, Nižní Lhoty, Nošovice, Ostravice, Palkovice, Pazderna, Pražmo, Pržno, Pstruží, Raškovice, Ropice, Řeka, Smilovice, Soběšovice, Stará Ves nad Ondřejnicí, Staré Hamry, Staříč, Střítež, Těrlicko, Třanovice, Vělopolí, Voikovice, Vyšní Lhoty a Žermanice.

The territory in the sphere of activity of the Pobeskydí LAG consists of the mountain massif of Beskydy, and a peripheral part of the Ostravian basin and transitional areas of uplands and highlands. It consists of the basin areas of the rivers Ostravice, Ondřejnice, Morávka, Stonávka and Lučina. The territory covers an area of 862 km², includes 53 municipalities with more than 86,000 inhabitants living in them. The development opportunities of this territory include traditional agricultural production, natural and historical monuments, potential of tourism and initiative of municipal self-governments. A lack of funds and a related insufficient level of social. transport and technical infrastructure, unsuitable employment structure and selective migration are a long-term problem.

Since 2008 the Pobeskydí LAG has been involved in Axis IV (LEADER) of the Programme for Rural Development of the Czech Republic 2007-2013. By participating in this programme it has been implementing the Strategic Plan of the LEADER Pobeskydí LAG, which is based on an integrated territorial strategy – Strategy of Development of Pobeskydí. The strategy is based on an idea of sustainable development – economic competitiveness, quality of life and environment. The content of five fiche of the Strategic plan of the LEADER Pobeskydí LAG follows from next:

- Civic amenities
- Cultural heritage and tradition
- Development of agricultural enterprise
- Tourism
- Environment and infrastructure



