

Abstract

My dissertation focuses on development of a former military training area Mladá, which is close to a town Milovice. This area has 58,75 km² and 6,7 km² of it is intended for strategic development. The area has been depopulated since 1991, when the last soldier left it. Total number of Russians, who left, counts several dozens (up to 80 000). The result is, that the military area lost its purpose after 88 years and in following time there was effort to positively cultivate it. For last two decades (until 2011) the population of a town Milovice (which is nearby the military area) has grown ten times and its localities belonging to the military area are still underused. What was possible to steal is stolen and lots of buildings are in a such bad condition, that they have to be demolished. These days the area is used by different interest groups for their secondary activities.

There were several attempts to develop the area and localize there strategic investor, but nobody of them finally signed the long-term lease. In my dissertation I describe the majority of projects which were seriously discussed as a future investment and I mention factors, which led to their failure. By qualitative research I am trying to find what approach does the local population have to this area and projects.

Further, I am researching possibilities of the area development in comparison with a real need of its citizens. The population of ten thousand town Milovice is one of the youngest in the Czechia. The average age in 2010 was only 30 years.

After a long period of the area unorganization, the contract was finally signed by the winner of the last tender. Firm, whose main part of the project (a big photovoltaic powerplant) was denied in referendum and rejected by the state, has to be responsible for the area for next 20 years. And because its original plan failed, the future of this area is still unsure.