



# Administrative reform in Estonia. Practical view.





# Administrative division change in Viljandi County 2014-2018)



Before 1. January 2014



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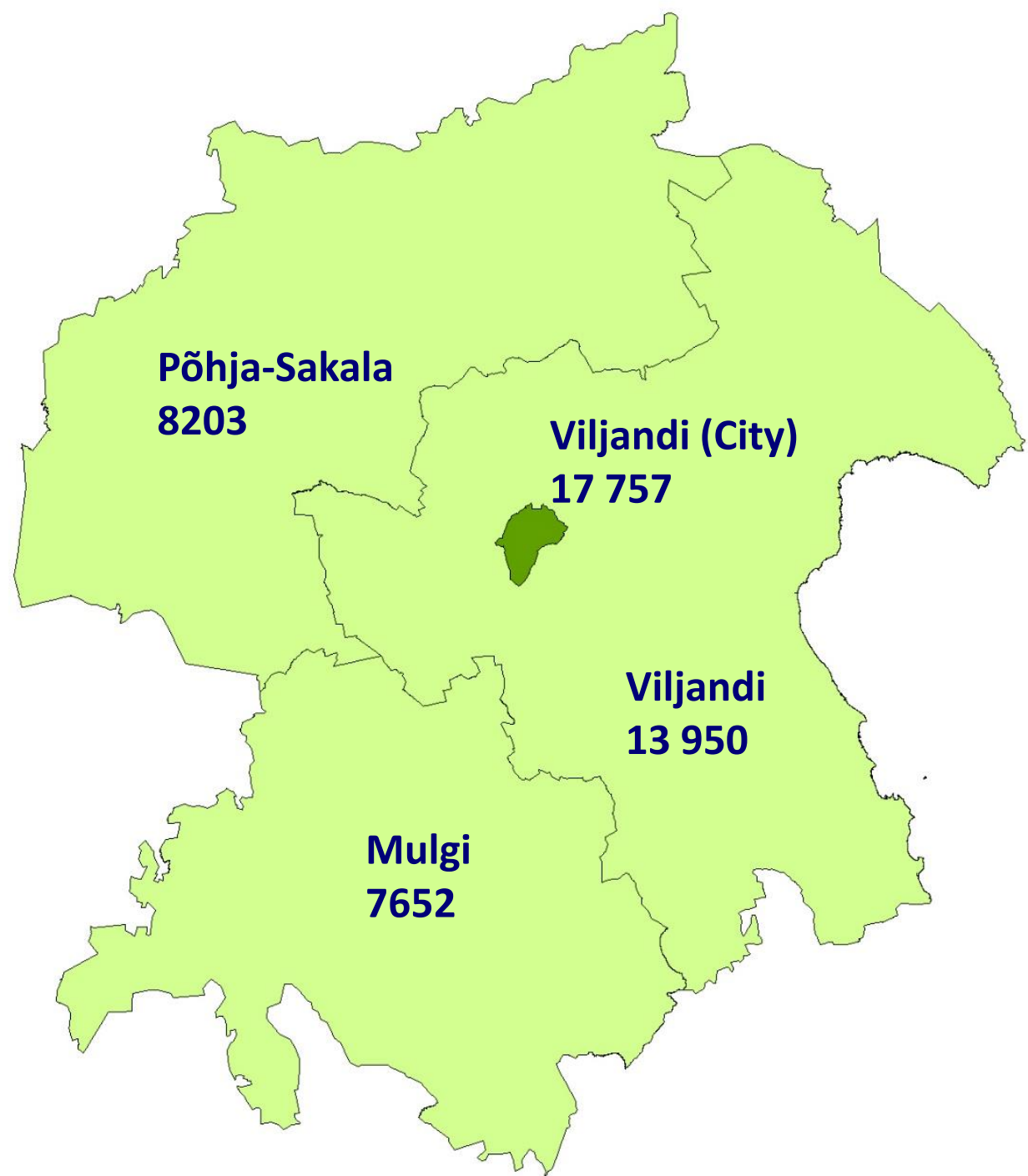


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# History of administrative reform in Viljandi County

Year	Number of local governments	Population
1992	20	65 000
1998	19	62 336
2000	18	61 321
2005	15	56 370
2013	12	51 228
2018	4	47 563

# Administrative division in Viljandi County (2019)



# Why to merge? Why to join?

- + Decline in population ;
  - + Migration and urbanization are on the increase;
  - + Population are aging;
- + Pointless competition between local governments and overinvestment in social infrastructure;
  - + Financial capacity of the local government;
  - + Decline in public services (ability to organize);
- + Technology is constantly changing faster;



# How it looks now year 2019?

- + Better planning and a greater development view of the area;
- + Decisions on county development are easier to reach agreements with other local authorities;
- + Better financial capacity to carry out projects;
  - + We are now carrying out projects which could not be carried out individually.



# Fundamental

- + Have courage to make decisions and rise above the temptation to engage in party politics;
- + People start ask: Am I going to become unemployed?
- + A frightened leaders and officials fights back;
- + If you want reform, give guarantees to leaders and officials;
- + There can never be too much open communication, sincere interest and explanations aimed at everyone;
- + Well-advised and unambiguous legislation would reduce tensions and disputes.



Thank You!