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## **Summary of the Report on COP Meeting**

### **PP1: South-East regional Development Agency**

The SE RDA states that it is characteristic for VIOLET that it focuses on stakeholder engagement and creates long lasting networks. The local Communities of Practice(CoP) engages policymakers, universities, professionals, businesses and associations regarding policy needs and recommendations for energy efficiency in traditional buildings. To be successful it is necessary to gain a common understanding of the requirements in between the VIOLET partners.

Consequently, a requirement oriented SWAT analysis was done which resulted in the identification of European Good-Practices and the development of an action plan. Also, an action plan monitoring concept was developed, and project partners roles clarified.

One of the aims of the COP meeting was, to highlight territorial specific needs and challenges and to find solutions synergistically with VIOLET partners. For the SE RDA the following needs were extracted during the meeting:

#### **Political level:**

Improve collaboration and understanding between energy efficiency and cultural heritage; energy efficiency is a new issue for the country(Romania); strengthen governmental and local administration capacity for heritage planning and implementation; improve the management of heritage buildings with focus on energy efficiency;

#### **Legal framework:**

Decrease the level of bureaucracy for actions; to ease the public procurement procedures which are now complicated and time-consuming

#### **Economic:**

Improve the financing and co-financing capacity of local public authorities

#### **Socio-cultural:**

Increase the public interest and education on cultural heritage, heritage's significance; development of tools to assess what is heritage, unified opinion of what heritage is.

#### **Capacity building:**

Mutual understanding amongst professionals coming from the 2 sectors: energy efficiency and cultural heritage; increase the number of architects, restoration experts and construction companies certified in rehabilitation of heritage buildings; improve the skills of the workers for the execution phase; establish partnership platforms for energy efficiency and heritage specialists, owners, stakeholders;

#### **Raising awareness:**

Improve the visibility and promotion on the existing advice literature/voluntary regulations/codes of conduct.