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Summary of the Report on COP Meeting

PP3: Cyprus Energy Agency

In the report of the Cyprus Energy Agency there is a comprehensive overview of different statements concerning the basic issue of the CoP Meeting, to develop a common understanding of the terms “traditional” and “heritage”.

The question was “Which buildings will be studied within the purposes of VIOLET?”

An extensive debate led to the point where the following was stated:

“Buildings that are currently excluded from the ‘Energy Performance of Buildings Law’. These can be listed buildings or buildings of historic value, ancient monuments or remarkable buildings of cultural heritage/architecture.”

This particularly Cyprian definition and awareness of the regional diversity respective to the need to find a common base for VIOLET led to the plenums decision to focus on ‘public traditional / heritage buildings’, as those can rather access structural funds and the involvement of their stakeholders is easier and more immediate. This leads to higher rate of success of VIOLET measures. Nevertheless, manuals, studies, suggestions, et cetera may also be applicable for private buildings.

For Cyprus the main reasons that engage renovation for **public** traditional buildings are:

- Repair of damages and deteriorations
- Upgrade of their Energy performance (Lower energy bills)
- Regulations’ compliance
- Improvement of the internal conditions (Thermal Comfort)
- Preservation of cultural heritage / traditional architecture
- Aesthetic reasons (restored in their original form)
- Building extensions (addition of new units) – serving new needs