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Summary of the Report on COP Meeting

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The first Community of Practice meeting of the INTEREG Project VIOLET, took place on June 19th, in the “Antiguo Convento de Santa María de los Reyes” in Seville.

In his welcoming address, Jose Manuel Colmenero López, General Director of Housing, Refurbishment and Architecture, underlined the need for an integrated approach towards a sustainable heritage objective.

The workday was designed in two different parts; the first one was focused to boost the VIOLET Community of Practice establishment on a political level; the second one was designed to work on a multispectral SWOT document in a technical way.

Ignacio Pozuelo Meño, Head of Urban Planning in Seville City Council, highlighted the complexity of introducing Energy Efficiency parameters in heritage buildings. They are working in a lighthouse project “Fábrica de Artillería” where first steps were taken through the requirement analysis made by the City Council to achieve optimal energy performance(Andalusia).

By setting up a complexity facing SWAT analysis partners developed a glossary, gained a common understanding of the requirements and understood strengths and challenges of the project, thanks to interregional exchange about each regional context. Hereby the accumulated experience and knowledge, the engagement, easy and fast processes, regional and interregional cooperation and the high potential of energy savings in traditional buildings where established as the key strengths of the project.

On this base all project partners are looking forward to the next meeting and the first actions. Summarized the first VIOLET COP meeting was a solid and successful start of a promising project cooperation.