Summary of the Report on COP Meeting

PP5 Municipality of Middleburg

The CoP meeting of the municipality of Middleburg started with a firm introduction of all present project Partners. After this Annet Hannewijk, the chairwomen of the Municipality of Middleburg, shortly introduced VIOLET to set a base for the following task to develop a SWAT analysis and get a first overview on challenges that need to be faced in the region. Also project partners were able to present their ideas, which were discussed in the group and manifested in the SWAT.

Just to mention a view, the strengths of VIOLET in this region are the high potential of energy savings in monuments in the region, the citizens initiative, the building owners interest, the availability of technical solutions, the high level of expertise due to the cooperation with other regions of VIOLET and the sustainable character of century over lasting heritage monuments which is even improved by the projects aims.

The weaknesses and challenges that stand out are the little budget of the municipality, the low CO2 prices, strict regulations, the high complexity of monument renovations compared to regular buildings and the lack of expertise of owners.

By combining the challenges and the strengths the opportunities that VIOLET gives to the project partners could be shown. The main opportunities come from the international cooperation of financial, technical and political expertise, which can be seen as an interregional strength of VIOLET in general.

The next CoP meeting of Middleburg will be on July 4th.