

CA ESD Interview Questions

2nd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

Country: Cyprus

Name & Organisation:

Katerina Piripitsi - Ministry of Commerce Industry and Tourism

Evangelos Stougiannis - Cyprus Institute of Energy

Yiannis Thoma - Cyprus Institute of Energy

Role in ESD implementation:

The Cyprus Institute collaborates with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism to implement the ESD directive.

Q1. How long have you been with the Concerted Action?

Katerina Piripitsi – since Sofia, Bulgaria (CA ESD I 7th Plenary Meeting)

Evangelos Stougiannis – since Portugal

Yiannis Thoma – 2nd Plenary Meeting of CA ESD II is the first meeting.

Q2. Has the CA ESD improved your working relationships with other participating countries?

Yes, with some countries.

How have you otherwise benefited from the network, exchange of information and experience within the CA-ESD?

It has been helpful in areas where we wanted more information e.g. ESCOs or energy services – for example we collaborated with Italy and Greece on energy services as we tried to adapt the regulations used in these countries and used the Italian standards and the Greek legislation.

We have also used information from CA ESD to help develop accreditation for energy auditing schemes.

Q3. Can you give us any concrete examples (e.g. policy measure, methodology, organisation) of best or good practices that you have learned about through the CA ESD and have taken on board, in some way, whilst developing national policies?

See above.

Q4. Has the CA supported your work in generating awareness for energy efficiency and the ESD with national policy makers and other stakeholders?

Yes

If yes, how?

We use the CA to demonstrate the need to bring in policies or programmes by using examples from other countries.

The NEEAP has been useful too.

Q5. What has been the most useful CA ESD product/output for you? (PMs, WG Reports, website, Forum, Newsletter, National Summary Reports, public documents, other)

The Plenary Meetings and the networking and the working groups.
One area that would be more useful for us is help on implementing specific areas of the directive – e.g. regulations for ESCOs and it would be good if the coordinator could think about this area.

Q6. Do you attend other Concerted Action meetings – CA RES or CA EPBD?

Yes – Yiannis attended CA EPBD at the beginning but not anymore.

If yes, what do you think the CA ESD can learn from the other Concerted Actions and vice versa?

Q7. What is your national dissemination strategy when it comes to CA ESD material and the outcomes of the Plenary Meetings?

To how many people, and to whom, do you send the final reports and other outputs of the CA ESD?
What methods do you use (meetings, email, presentations, etc)?
Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

We use the CA ESD material to demonstrate results from other countries to our ministry and we sometimes liaise with the house of parliament when they are preparing legislation or if there is a short report (3-4 pages) that they are likely to read. There is no one else in our organisation that the information is relevant to and the three of us who attend are the main people who need to know the information in the CA.

We are aware of the NCP toolkit but haven't used it.

Q8. What is your feedback regarding the new in-depth topic and sessions? How was your experience in trying to identify your expert(s) to attend these sessions?

It can be difficult for us to find experts and then difficult to send them because we need a 'parent' from the Ministry to attend the CA ESD meeting (as they are implementing the directive) therefore Katerina always has to attend.

Q9. Do you have any other remarks, comments or feedback you would like to give us on specific or general elements of the CA ESD?