

# CA ESD Interview Questions

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

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

I have been with the CA since its beginning.

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

Yes

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

Probably the greatest value of CA ESD is in networking – you get to know people and can ask colleagues from other countries for advice and help. We have used this opportunity on several occasions, e.g. when preparing legislation on energy audits, Bulgaria and Czech Republic shared their regulation on energy audits with us. CA ESD contact points also responded to the request for sharing experiences on organisational structure for energy management in the public sector of the MS, which was not a part of the regular CA ESD activities. Moreover, contacts established within the CA ESD enabled organisation of the study tour related to energy efficiency and fuel poverty to UK for Croatian representatives, we were introduced with Austrian M&V BU model and used in a lot as a basis for our own BU calculations, etc.

### **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?**

Austrian web tool for BU savings calculation – we have not actually embraced it yet, but there are plans to establish similar web platform. Also, Spanish model for boosting ESCO market through renovation of public buildings was considered while developing our programme.

**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?**

Through best practice examples, especially in policy fields other than energy, e.g. Ministry of Finance for treatment of ESCO projects in national budget regulation, public procurement authorities for inclusion of efficiency criteria. In Croatia there is always a question raised by policy makers "How EU countries are doing this?" That's why having best practices to share with them and convince them in doing something is very valuable. Not working every time, but still...

**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)**

PMs definitively! Followed by WG reports and the most recently Forum activities are great.

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

No

**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?**

I am always writing report after PMs to the Ministry of Economy, sending it to the assistant minister responsible for energy via e-mail, with main facts emphasised in the e-mail. This I have done since the beginning, even before NCP toolkit (yes, I am aware of it). No special meetings or presentations are organised, but issues from the CA ESD often are discussed in meetings organised with some other purposes. Usually, I am sending final reports to relevant stakeholders, depending on the topic and as agreed with the Ministry. Can't tell exact numbers.

**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?**

Well, the only in-depth topic was public procurement and for this it was not hard to find experts. It remains to be seen for other topics. The next one on use of EU structural and cohesion funds might

be harder as many institutions are interested in this (Croatia is not using this funds yet, we use pre-accession assistance programme).

**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?**

Just to keep up the good work ☺