

CA ESD Interview Questions

3rd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

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

From the beginning of CA ESD I.

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

Yes, definitely.

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

For energy audits in industry bilateral exchange with Lithuanian colleagues.

Working group reports on ESCOs.

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: for energy audits in industry we used best practices from Lithuania.

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

No, energy efficiency is not one of the priorities. It is hard work to e.g. introduce energy efficiency in structural funds.

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)

Mainly the WG Reports have been of great help, but also National Summary Reports are useful.

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?

Information is put on the website of the ministry. Also there is a special programme with information seminars for target groups, e.g. municipalities or ESCOs.

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)?

See above; average number of participants per seminar is 45, 4 seminars are held per year.

Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

Yes.

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?

The in-depth session in Copenhagen was excellent.

It is difficult to find experts because due to internal Latvian rules experts have to pay participation out of their own budget.

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?

Overall the CA ESD is a very good action. Especially the personal contacts are good; you can contact people and ask for advice.

Q10. What suggestions do you have for the CA ESD?

- In-depth sessions could not last the whole plenary meeting.
- Monitoring and verification