

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?

Since 2011 at the 1st PM in Warsaw, and is fully aware of reports from start of the Action though.

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?

Now have regular contact with other Member States for proposals, and is in contact more with the advanced countries to make use of their knowledge.

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?

Our energy auditors certification process have used the experience of other MS in particular the Finish experience.

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?

It is helpful to present other experiences to the Ministry, in drafting proposals and policies. It also helps to provide findings of other Member States to give to the Ministry to back up our arguments.

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)

Working Group Reports – it is most concentrated material, to find basic information especially if you can't attend the Plenary Meeting, or if there is not have enough budget to send people to cover all the Core Themes.

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

Yes CA RES

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

All CA RES Working Groups more concentrated (similar to CA ESD in-depth sessions). Working group leaders in CA-RES play more active role.

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)?**

Present results to the ministry, write reports and send them to the person who is responsible for strategic proposals. The Energy Agency and the Ministry are in the same building/departments, so very easy to disseminate the outcomes of the Plenary Meetings.

Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

No

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 was difficult to find an expert to public procurement group at last PM (2nd PM), and so was unable to send an expert (couldn't get the right person to agree to come due to time and budget restrictions). However, an expert was able to attend the financial instruments in-depth session at this 3rd PM.

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?

The project seems to have lost its pace, between the old and the new Directive. Some countries have more experience in some of the most problematic topics (i.e. Energy saving obligation scheme) of the new Energy Efficiency Directive that other countries will have difficulty to implement. The new topics related to the new Energy

Efficiency Directive should have been proposed earlier to share experience and help other Member States to prepare for the implementation.

Q10. As we transition from CA ESD > EED we are keen to ensure that the needs and views of participating countries are taken into account (as much as is possible within the constraints of the contract). We would therefore welcome your views on:

- a. **Specific topics / Articles (of the Directive) that are a particular priority for your country from December 2013 – May 2014**
- b. **Any other suggestions you have for improvement?**

Obligation scheme of suppliers and distributors.

Savings calculation methodology for obligation scheme (Directive sets only basic principles).

Energy saving market development (ESCO certification, energy performance contracting, etc.)