

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?

IDAE has been to all of them

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?

It was particularly useful when writing the 2nd NEEAP as we had information on how other countries were implementing their plans

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?

As mentioned above, the parallel sessions on how to measure and report energy savings before the 2nd NEEAP were very useful for writing the 2nd NEEAP. Now there is more uncertainty to know how to continue with energy efficiency policies because of budget constraints. We have also used information from the measuring of energy savings – top down and bottom up methods and also public subsidies and grants for energy efficiency programmes.

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

Yes but it is sometimes difficult.

If yes, how?

We communicate with the ministry, for example we prepared a report for the ministry on the white certificate schemes. The information is useful for the national agency mainly, but of course we use it to report to the ministry as well because it is generally the ministry that attends the EDMC.

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)

Plenary Meetings are the most useful as they provide an opportunity to listen to successful schemes from other Member States and ask questions afterwards.

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

No, others in IDEA do though so we know the main ideas

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)?

Depends on the topic. Most dissemination is mainly internally within the agency. Information can be useful for data department who attend ODYSSEE MURE

We also send information to regional agencies and at the last Plenary Meeting one person from the regional agency attended.

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?

Good – we have attended this session and the previous one. The sessions are more fruitful, although maybe more work.

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?

Think that it will be more difficult for us with the new EED as it will be difficult to implement.

Overall we are very happy with the Concerted Action and find it useful – even if important decisions relating to it are made at the EDMC instead.

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

7 and 3. Article 3 is difficult as we have to guarantee delivery of country objectives and link these with EU objectives.

For Article 7 we need to make a decision quickly on whether to go for alternative measures and what these could be. Don't fully understand the difference between an obligation system and a white certificate system – it would be useful for different countries with obligation systems to present in a lot of detail at the next session.

Also public buildings and a strategy for renovation of the building stock is a priority. Spain has an inventory of over 11,000 public buildings, but the problem is how to renovate them all.

b. Any other suggestions you have for improvement?