

CA ESD Interview Questions

2nd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

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Role in ESD implementation:

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

From the beginning

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

Yes/No

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

The CA ESD has been extremely valuable when preparing NEEAPs and identifying parameters that should be considered for the evaluation of policy measures.

In many aspects the exchange of information has been proven extremely valuable for either considering or evaluation a policy measure.

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?

The structure and methodology for a national pilot action for energy performance contracting (ESCOs) in public buildings was somehow conceived during a CA ESD meeting, along with the identification of needs and requirements to develop a register for ESCOs.

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

Yes/No

If yes, how?

The CA ESD is used to show the motivation and will for achieving the targets from the various MS and the EC, and somehow the participation in the CA ESD creates a status that facilitates the discussions and creates a justification layer for taking actions and assessing results.

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 and various presentations (along with the discussions) have worked best for Greece.

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

Yes/No

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

YES (CA RES)

CA ESD has created strong bonds among members and actived valuable discussions have been produced. In that aspect the other CA should try to create such an openness and willingness to participate in the discussions. My experience from other CA has shown that maybe CA ESD is lacking some collaboration for joint projects outside CA and that the WG reports are often too generic/trivial while could better address a specific issue at a time and not the whole thematic area that is under investigation.

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?

The dissemination is done both internally and towards the ministry, by informing the appropriate people of the findings and highlights of the meetings. However, most of time this is done on an informal basis and by summarising the key facts. It was shown that the direct contact is more valuable than sending the reports.

Presentations have however been a quite effective tool for dissemination and have been used in some case to pass the message.

We are aware of the NCP toolkit.

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?

Too early to say, but as an idea I find it useful and is in line with previous comments. For the participation it is also too early to say as I am the representative at this first in-depth session.

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 idea of a specific workshop/training seminar in a subject of common interest could be a possibility. Also a more active dialogue/through questionnaires outside the PMs for hot subjects (i.e. new directive on energy efficiency) could also add to the scopes of this initiative.