

CA ESD Interview Questions

2nd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

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

I am National Contact Point for CAESD project since March 2011 but before that I was working on the project with the previous contact point.

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?

Indisputably the greatest benefit is the access to information and the exchange of good practices. As a relatively new European Union member state Bulgaria needed (and still needs) an opportunity to learn from the experience which other countries already have.

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?

Info exchange with Italy on White Certificates – unable to implement now but may be ready in future.
Interested in ESCO schemes. Interested in verification the energy savings.

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?

Again the answer here is the exchanged experience with other countries. As I already said we are relatively new EU member state so for us the most valuable was all the best practice we had to access to. The experience that other member states already had in the area of energy efficiency was very helpful exactly for the awareness for that idea.
SEDA (as a part of Bulgarian Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism) is the responsible institution for the energy efficiency policy making and implementation. Being a partner in CA ESD projects was (and still is) very useful for us in accordance with the transposition of Energy Savings Directive, development of national action plans and the reporting of their implementation.

Important thing is that CA help us to explain more clear to energy dealers, which have the largest targets for energy savings, the possibilities and benefits from the implementation of energy efficiency measures.

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)

All of the products/outputs are useful for us but National Summary Reports could be pointed as one of the most useful ones. The reason is that there is summarized and in the same time detailed information about the policy measures in connection with the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan, the calculation methodology, etc.

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

Yes

Not personally me but SEDA as an organization. SEDA is a partner in CA EPBD project and inside the Agency (as co-beneficiary organization for CA ESD and CA EPBD) we exchange experience about both projects.

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

CA ESD and CA EPBD projects are connected seeing that they both have a part orientate to the public sector. I don't know about what they can learn from each other as an organisation of their implementation but there is definitely a connection between their applications in the participating countries. Some of the results from CA EPBD were used during the preparation of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan and the reporting of the implementation of the first one. These results concerned energy auditing in state and municipal buildings and were good basis for the evaluation of the achieved and expected energy savings in the buildings.

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)?

The most common method is presentations. SEDA participates in many seminars, meetings, round tables and interdepartmental working groups. As a governmental organization we are responsible for the implementation of the governmental energy efficiency policy in the country and of course its congruence to the EU legislation so it is very important the experience from CA ESD project to be put in action and to be shared with all interested parties, as other governmental organization connected with the energy and energy efficiency field, all the ministries in the country which have to confirm every legislation, non-governmental organizations working in the area of energy efficiency, etc. The exact number of people can't be pointed and but with all the activities of the Agency the publicity is granted.

Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

Still not in details but I plan to correct this.

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 sessions are good idea; they give an opportunity some subject to be discussed in more details. In this case (public procurements) finding expert was not hard seeing that Bulgaria has Public Procurements Agency and SEDA have good contacts with them because of our joint work on Energy efficiency criteria related to green public procurement and selected priority categories of products and services. Experts from this Agency helped a lot in the preparation for this 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?

Don't have any in that moment, but I would like to thank you for the opportunity for us to be members of this project and of course to thank you for the good organization.