

CA ESD Interview Questions

2nd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

Country: Germany

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Role in ESD implementation: BfEE is responsible for the majority of the implementation of the ESD and e.g. the preparation of the NEEAP. It is the national authority as indicated in articles 4 and 5 of the ESD.

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

Since the first meeting in Paris 2008.

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

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

Yes.

The Concerted Action is important because you meet practitioners who are also responsible for the implementation of the ESD. It's a chance to exchange views, challenges and solutions. Additionally it serves as an information market where you can discuss all kinds of topics related with the ESD in a very informal and detailed way.

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?

Germany already has a well established programme of measures. However, the CA was helpful while developing the NEEAP, not so much in terms of support, but to find out what the Commission was expecting and how to calculate emissions savings.

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

Yes

In Germany the level of awareness is already quite high. Energy Efficiency is one of the core topics in the Energy Concept of 2010 passed by the Federal Government and an important pillar of the German energy

strategy. In the context of the ESD, the NEEAP was a document which was regarded as a very helpful source of information.

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)

The Plenary Meetings were most helpful for networking and exchanges of information.

**Q6. Do you attend other Concerted Action meetings – CA RES or CA EPBD?
If yes, what do you think the CA ESD can learn from the other Concerted Actions and vice versa?**

No

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?**

Of course we do not distribute confidential material. Regarding material which is not, we refer to the CA website.

NCP toolkit – 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?

Public procurement is a topic the Federal Energy Efficiency Centre is also dealing with. Therefore we named a staff member as an expert for the working group.

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?