

CA ESD Interview Questions

3rd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

Country: Poland

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

AG: Since March 2009 (2nd Plenary Meeting in Vienna, 17-18 March 2009).

MJ: Since October 2011, (1st Plenary Meeting in Warsaw, 25-26 October 2011).

MM: Since the beginning e.g. CA ESD I.

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

AG: Yes.

MJ: National Fund for Environmental Protection has no direct contact with CA ESD participants. Results from CA ESD are used during preparation of new financial mechanisms.

MM: Yes. Personal talks during PM enabled to make private contacts with perspective for future co-operation.

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

AG: CA-ESD helps me to complement my work at the EDM Committee assisting the EC; exchange of information and experience with other MS is useful for preparing our national policies and measures.

MM: CA ESD helps KAPE set up and empower working relationships with other participating countries.

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?

AG: The participating in Core Theme 1 – “The role of the NEEAP in the policy process” was very useful for me in developing national policy in the field of energy efficiency and in the process of preparing the 2nd NEEAP for Poland.

MM: Some good examples of ESCO business models have been studied in preparation to launch an ESCO scheme in Poland.

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?

MJ: Yes. For example the National Fund for Environmental Protection is working currently on at least two priority programs supporting energy efficiency projects (one is designed for ESCO).

MM: I think so. The general knowledge gained radiates and have a deep impact on KAPE's activities as it shows the right path, an EU standard approach, to energy efficiency improvements and provides best examples from other member states.

AG: No.

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)

AG: PMs, National Summary Reports, website, workshops.

MJ: WG Reports.

MM: PMs, website, Forum, public documents. The reports produced by the project are really unique and provide a panorama view of the CA ESD implementation across EU.

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?

AG: No.

MJ: No.

MM: not myself but other KAPE's representative yes.

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)?

MM: KAPE has developed its own way of dissemination - reports and information from the CA PMs are distributed directly to persons who might be interested in. KAPE takes care of the confidentiality of reports and other confidential materials. Printed leaflets from the CA ESD I were sent to main stakeholders.

Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

MM: Yes.

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?

AG: I did not attend the new in-depth sessions.

MJ: Very good identification of current priorities.

MM: I attended the "In-depth session" during 2nd PM in Copenhagen. Very good topic analysis and a very broad scope of the issues related to the public procurement in the public sector covered. Gave a real boost to the Plenary Meetings as a new tool for communication and exchange of experience. Should be continued.

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? Q10. What suggestions do you have for the CA EED?

AG: No.

MJ: Keep up with good work.

MM: Should be continued. Some topics should be then proposed for Intelligent Energy – Europe program to be covered in the work program. Link with IE – E should be strengthen.

Q10. Any further suggestion for CA EED

AG: Due to the fact that the CA ESD will be adjusted to the expanded scope of the new Directive on energy efficiency and should be an instrument for the European Commission for the exchange of best practices in the implementation of that Directive, it appears advisable to increase the budget for the proper implementation of all the new themes by competent experts designated by the Government of the Member States.

MM: Sometimes there are topics which could be discussed during smaller meeting held between the Plenary Meetings. This would enable to react immediately to urgent issues arising from the EED and give more time to concentrate on selected topics chosen from the scopes of all working groups