

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?

Since its conception. Always been in the CA team.

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?

The CA helps build a longer term relationship. Continuity in the network helps you know who to talk to, the CA gives you a trustworthy contact. This evolution has also been transferred into the working groups, they engage more and well.

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?

This is harder to specify, it is difficult to draw a direct line from A to B. However it has helped develop a wider understanding of approaches. It has also helped in the early stages of policy development, we have taken examples of policies or approaches from other Member States and bounced these ideas ideas around helping us to find the right approach for the UK.

The EED challenge will be the mandatory audits. We have gone back to the old CA reports for information.

The CA also supports day to day operation in that it provides useful input, it has even been used for briefing Ministers.

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 limited and only internally (Ministry).

If yes, how?

It has helped get across the EU message to domestic policy makers. In particular the sending out of questionnaires helps expand horizons and generates awareness for the EU generally.

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 reports:

- *PMs because of the face to face networking opportunity. One can focus on the ESD for a two days with no distraction.*
- *The Working Group reports provide a good record of the findings and a useful summary.*

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

No

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?

The Working Group reports and outcomes are sent to all those who contributed and to people within the department. On top of this the reports are sent to targeted colleagues at other departments.

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)?

See above

Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

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?

In-depth is generally a good idea. It makes it easier to get experts to come to the PMs, this also applies for getting guest speakers on board. A reasonable amount of effort is required to get experts for the meeting, it isn't that easy.

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?

Q9 & 10 Joint answer

It is almost fortuitous that the EED has come at this time, it has provided new impetus. The next few meetings will be very important and it is very good that we already have a network in place. Now we already house the Concerted Action we should be able to actually influence how we, as Member States, transpose and implement the EED. An underlying requirement is that we have good relationships at all levels and that there is an understanding of the role for the CA EED. The roles need to be clear (EDMC v CA).



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