

CA ESD Interview Questions

2nd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

Country: Hungary

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The Hungary Energy Centre are owned by the Ministry responsible for implementing the ESD.

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

Peter – since the 7th CA ESD I Meeting in Sofia

Dorottya – from the beginning

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

Yes, a lot.

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

(Peter) - I have made very useful personal contacts and had bilaterals with other countries which is very easy to do as I can just email them. Also it is useful that I can just check the website for information on the sessions I was not able to attend.

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?

There was a presentation from Bulgaria on how much influence different types of public campaigns had on the public and what approaches to take. As the Hungarian Energy Centre co-finances a lot this type of work I was able to get in touch with Bulgaria to find out more and we found the research very useful when approaching different audiences.

The Working Group on ESCOs in the 1st Plenary Meeting from CA ESD II (in Warsaw) had some very useful information and new ideas that we took back to the Agency and the Ministry as the ESCO market is underdeveloped in Hungary.

When looking into a new topic (such as ESCOs) there can be too much information to take in and you do not know where to start looking, so it is much better to talk to another country that had already implemented the measure and they can advise you on what the important things you need to know.

I find the in-depth topic approach very useful, because not only us but people from other institutions and other work areas can receive information about ESD and use the good case examples in their respected fields of work.

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

Yes and No

If yes, how?

It has previously but since the recent change in Government the people have changed as well and they are unaware of the Energy Agency and I do not know who they are either.
In CA ESD I a Hungarian representative of the Ministry (responsible for the implementation of ESD) attended the Sofia meeting where she had the opportunity to discuss and clarify certain issues of the 2nd NEEAP with other MS and the EC. This was very useful to Hungary because it resulted in a better quality of the document.

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 and the personal contacts I have made with other countries.

The website is also useful to find out information on those parallel sessions that I couldn't attend and to know who to contact for more information on each topic.
The information is now much easier to find on the web-site.

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?

The team who need to know about CA ESD already attend the meetings.
With the new toolkit it will be much easier for us to target the Ministry and other stakeholders with a compact and targeted information package.

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)?

If there is an interesting outcome then I will forward on to relevant people. Occasionally material is sent to the ministry but this has been difficult with the change in Government and therefore change in people at the Ministry.

Are you aware of the NCP toolkit on the website?

See previous question

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?

It was a useful process for us to identify the expert in Hungary as now we know who they are – we didn't know before and it was not too hard to find them.

It was very useful for the public procurement expert to attend as Hungary is currently writing green public procurement legislation and have found the information exchange very beneficial. It was also beneficial for Peter as he did not know about the green public procurement legislation.



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?

It would be useful for newcomers to come together somehow to get to know each other.