

CA ESD Interview Questions

3rd Plenary Meeting Interview Questions for Member States

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Role in ESD implementation: DGEG is responsible for the supervision of ESD implementation and the overall control.

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

Since the beginning.

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?

Without the CA-ESD it would be very difficult to have access to the information and experience from other MS.

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?

When we reviewed our NEEAP, we consulted examples from other MS. MS's characteristics and conditions are different, so it's difficult to adopt a concrete example, but we can learn and adapt some ideas.

Recently, for example, the presentation and explanation about the "International Measurement and Verification Protocol" (IPMVP) gave us a concrete view on how to quantify 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?

By giving us a general overview on what and how other MS deal with this issue.

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)

In general, all the products/outputs are useful. It depends on the topic or information that we look or need.

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?

In the Energy Efficiency area of our website there is information about the CA, including a link to the CA website.

To how many people, and to whom, do you send the final reports and other outputs of the CA ESD? Mainly is through our website and meetings with same stakeholders.

What methods do you use (meetings, email, presentations, etc)? Email and the website.

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?

The sessions are very interesting but we have difficulty in identifying experts to attend them under the topics covered until now.

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?

We think it's a good and useful action and everything has been going very well.

Q10. As we transition from CA ESD > EED we are keen to ensure that the needs and views of participating countries are taken into account (as much as is possible within the constraints of the contract). We would therefore welcome your views on:

- a. **Specific topics / Articles (of the Directive) that are a particular priority for your country from December 2013 – May 2014 – Topics under articles 5 and 7 of EED**
- b. **Any other suggestions you have for improvement?** Let's keep doing this good job on sharing experiences and difficulties. It's helpful!