Questions on Deposit Return Schemes (DRS)

- What products or product groups are covered by the DRS system (e.g., type of material, volume of bottles, reusable/non-reusable, products subject to mandatory/voluntary return, are there any criteria-based exceptions from the general range of products affected by the DRS system)?
- What are the main features of the operation of the DRS system (e.g., who operates it and what are their responsibilities, what kind of return methods are available, who is responsible for operating and maintaining the reverse vending machines [RVMs])?
- What types of RVMs are used and what is their general compression ratio?
- What is the return rate for each product or waste type?
- How is the operation of the DRS system financed? In particular:
    - Is there regulatory price setting or market-based financing?
    - What types of fees are determined, by whom, and who is required to pay the fees?
    - What are the main factors underlying the fee determination process, and what is the process of fee setting?
    - What are the key points of the fee-setting method (e.g., which costs can be considered; how/where are the waste management costs of DRS-qualifying products taken into account in case of products collected from public spaces or through public services; for what period are the fees set; if DRS fees are estimated or planned in advance, are the estimated (planned) costs compared to actual data afterwards, and how are any discrepancies corrected)?
    - What happens to the return deposit of unreturned bottles? Is it considered in fee determination and if so, how?
    - What is the approved justified specific/unit cost of collection, transport, and pre-treatment of the DRS system (if this information can be shared)?
    - What is the cost of operating the RVMs?
- Is fee modulation applied or is there a possibility for doing so? If so, what are the modulation criteria?
- In the case of reusable product streams (e.g., glass beverage packaging), do the applicable regulation and/or fee determination have any specific characteristics?