

Policy and Legal

As a result of the previous gap analysis, the Plastic Hotspot Assessment¹ and the

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

deposit-return systems (SDDR) for certain containers to facilitate the recovery of containers. Deposit-return systems are an solution to preventing the abandonment of waste in the environment, promoting and helping to ensure high levels of collection of these materials. This kind of


and local bodies, as they ensure that the principle is applied in a comprehensive manner. pilot tests of a return system for beverage through reverse vending machines and (netary) or indirect (discounts, promotions, ns to environmental/social projects)

economic incentives have already been performed during summer on the island. This system could entail a reduction of costs for municipalities, if established permanently, and achieve better separate collection rates of light packaging, as well as raise plastic littering awareness on the island.

- Increase separate collection in municipalities, through the implementation of economic instruments
- Implement the regulation of the sale and distribution of single-use elements on the market, in public premises and in public and festive events.

10). Plastic Hotspot Assessment in Menorca, unpublished.

POLICY FRAMEWORK



■ Prioritize systems such as door-to-door collection,


collections.

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measures to promote waste management.

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that reduce or eliminate disposable packaging.

■ Develop internal policy for municipalities to only make public purchases of reusable items, whenever possible, and in order to avoid single-use plastics.

■ Incorporate criteria for waste prevention, promotion of reuse and responsible consumption in the public procurement processes.



Promotion of a Research & Development



■ Increase the quantity and quality of information available on waste generation, its environmental impacts and product consumption.

■ Develop databases and life cycle analysis of materials in Menorca.

■ Develop new products under eco-design criteria.