

**Depozīta
punkts**

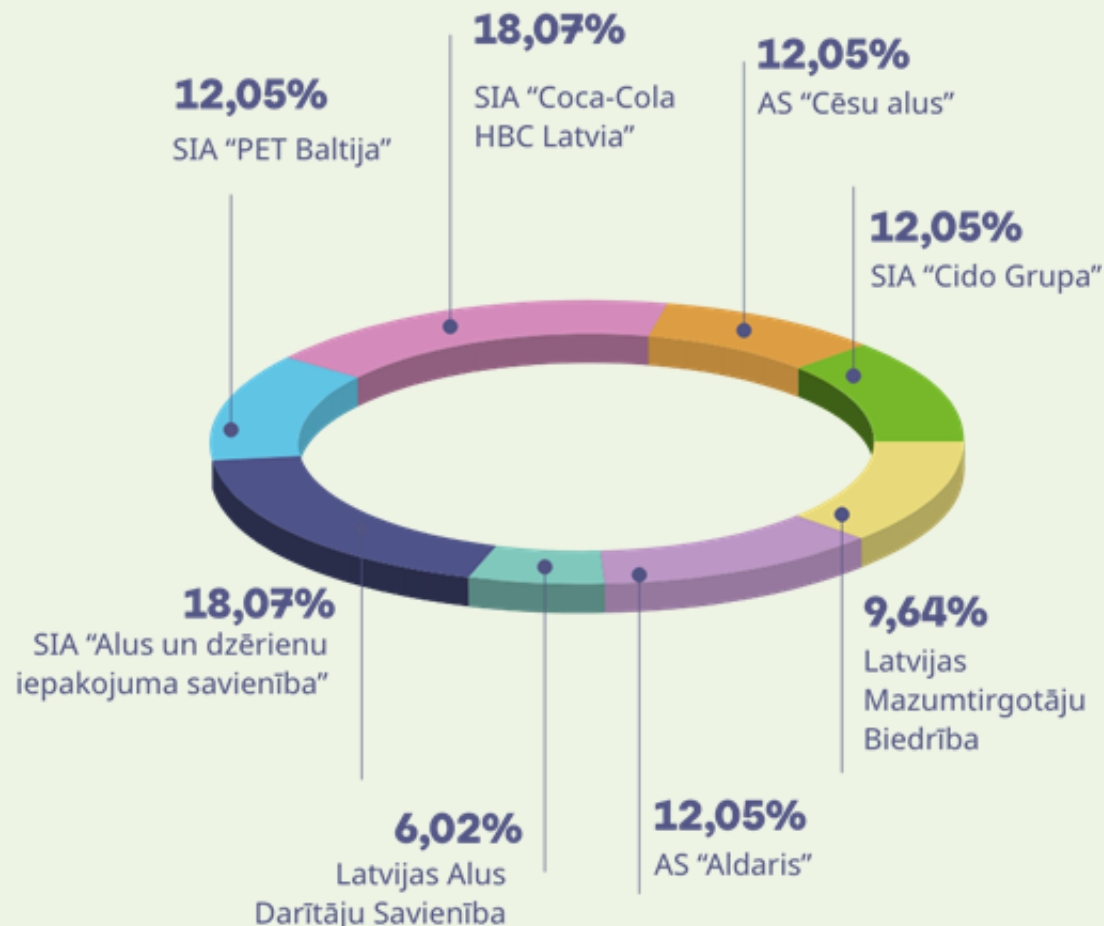


About «Depozīta Iepakojuma Operators» Ltd



Shareholders

- 78,31% manufacturers
- 9,64% retailers
- 12,05% packaging recyclers

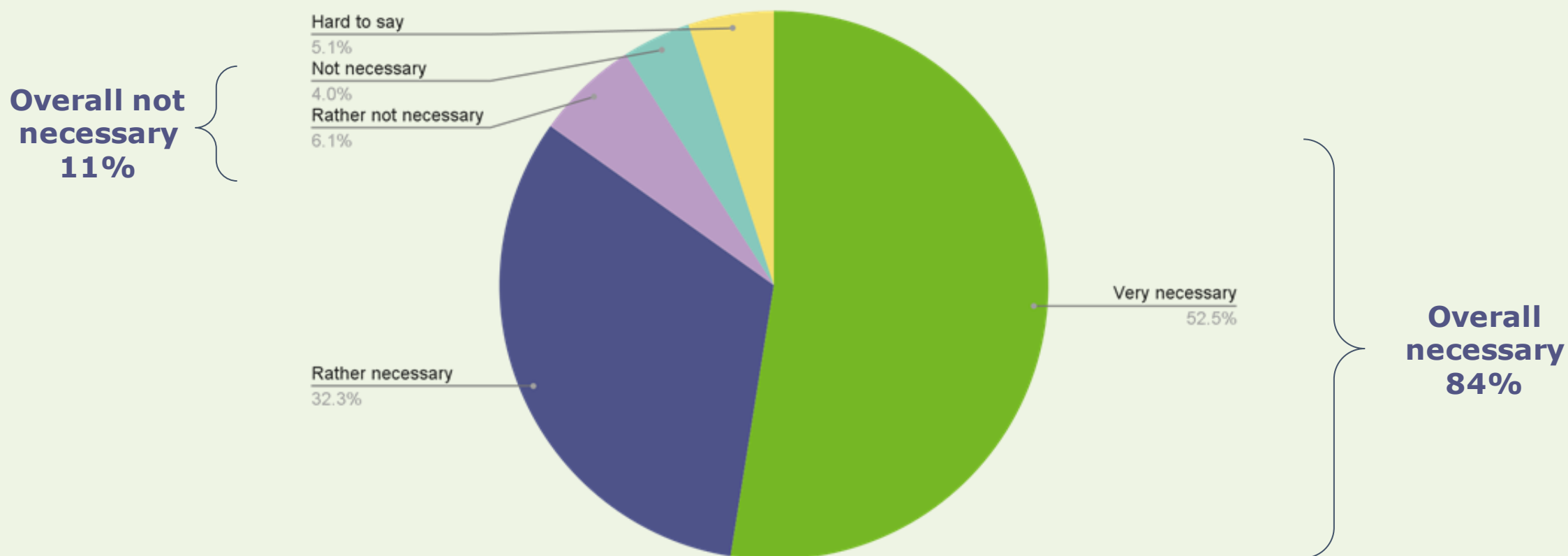


Why to have a deposit system?

PET	Glass	Aluminum	
46%	70%	55%	Proportion of packaging collected and recycled in 2021
90%	90%	90%	DIO target for collected and recycled packaging by 2024

What Latvia people think?

How necessary do you think a deposit system for beverage packaging is?



84% of Latvian population agree that deposit system for beverage packaging is overall necessary*.

*SKDS Public opinion survey, February 2021

What packaging can be returned to the deposit system?



Carbonated and still non-alcoholic drinksⁱ



Cans

0.2–1 l



Glass bottles

0.1–3 l
(excluding)



Plastic PET
bottles

0.1–3 l
(excluding)

Beerⁱ



Cans

0.2–1 l



Glass bottles

0.1–3 l
(excluding)



Plastic PET
bottles

0.1–1 l

Other fermented products with an alcohol content of up to 6%ⁱ



Cans

0.2–1 l



Glass bottles

0.1–1 l
(excluding)



Plastic PET
bottles

0.1–1 l

Latvian deposit system

**DIO accreditation period - 7
years**

- **Supervising authorities:**

- The State Environmental Service of the Republic of Latvia
- Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia
- The Public Utilities Commission

- **The system is regulated by:**

- Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No 519 "Operating Rules of the Deposit System"
- Packaging Law



Deposit fee 0,10 €

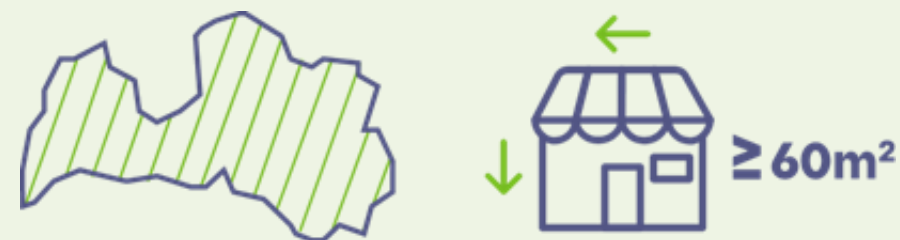
Latvian deposit system

Collection is mandatory by law for retailers:

are located in national cities



are located in other administrative areas





Refillables are included

- **Refillable packaging – 18% of all deposit packaging**
 - Universal refillable bottles 14% (used by 15+ manufacturers)
 - Individual design refillable bottles
- **One refillable glass bottle – up to 20 usage times**



Latvian deposit system

Infrastructure – 1500 return points:

- 970 RVM's installed (1080 by august)
- 164 outdoor kiosks installed
- 450 manual deposit stations
- 300 *HoReCa* locations

Partners:

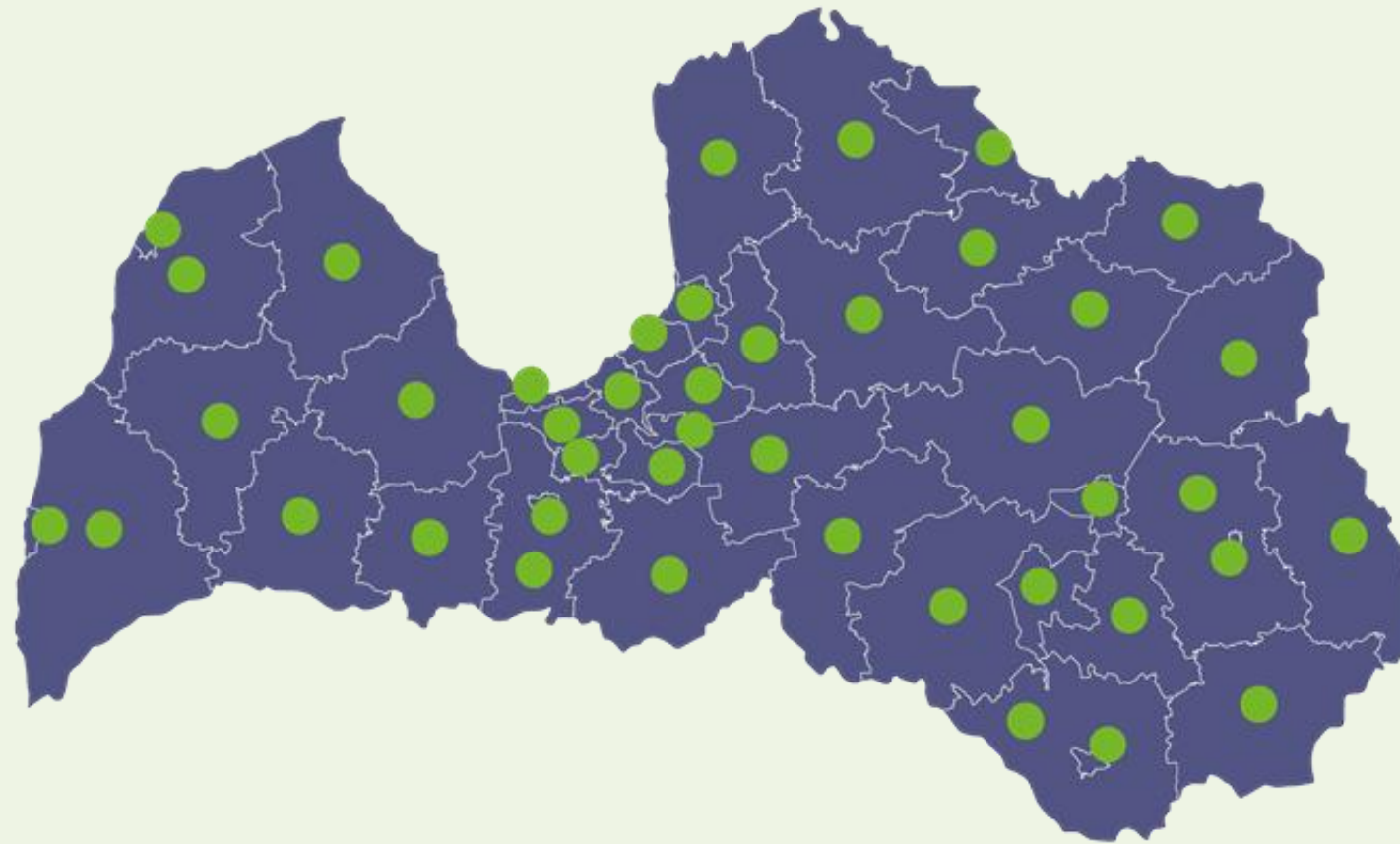
- Contracts with > 400 retailers
- Contracts with 188 packagers

Deposit register:

- >3000 deposit products registered

DIO team:

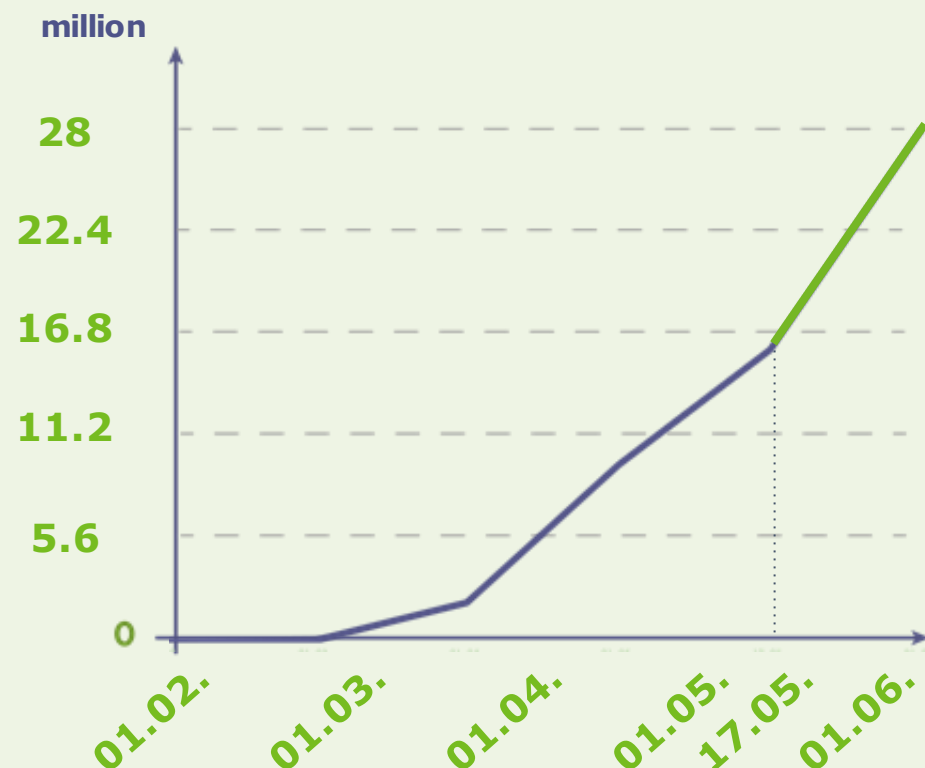
- 15 employees



DIO Packaging Counting and Sorting Centre



Current status



**Packaging returned
to RVM's**

(01.02.-16.05.)



48%
PET
packaging



31%
metal packaging

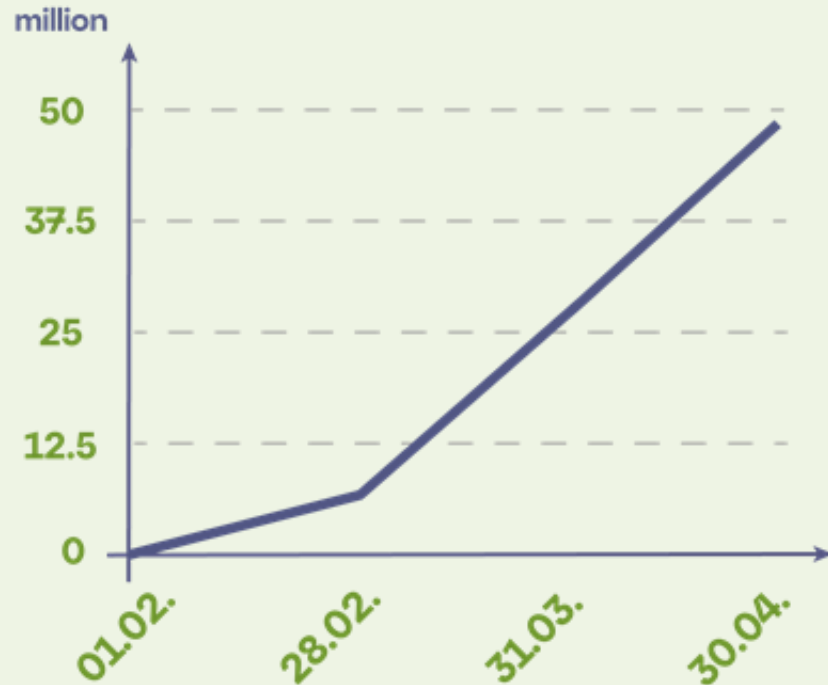


18%
refillable glass
packaging



3%
disposable glass
packaging

Current status



**Packaging placed on
the market**

(01.02.-30.04.)

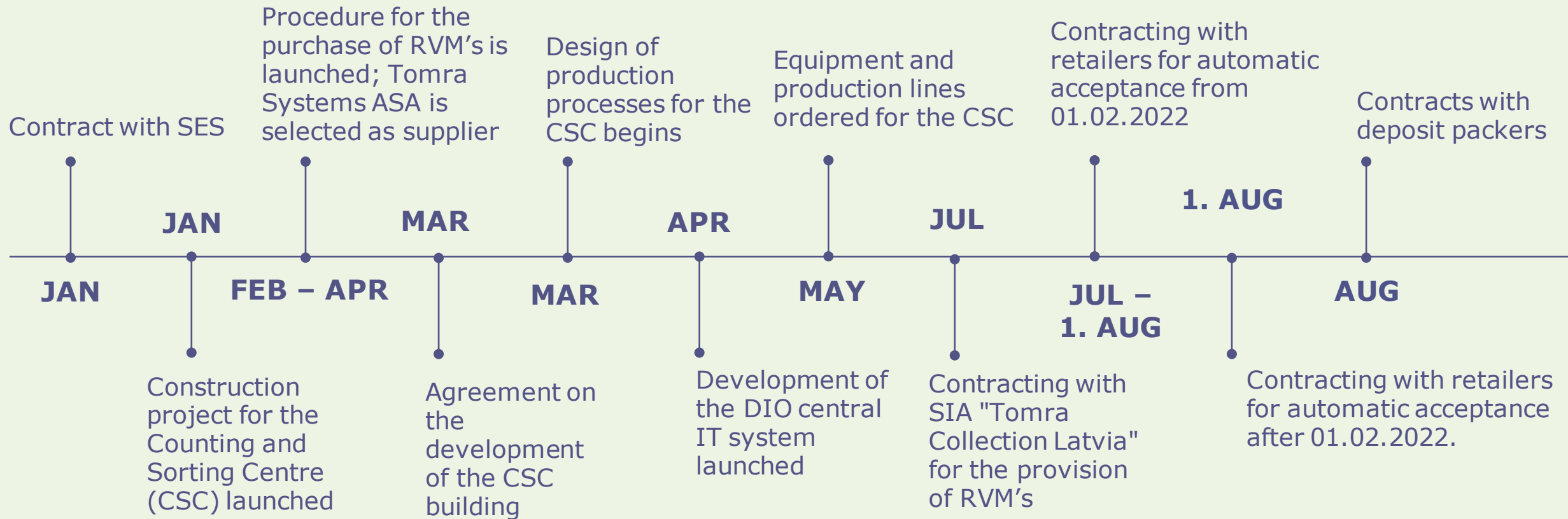


**First 150 tonnes of PET and
40 tonnes of aluminium handed
over for recycling**

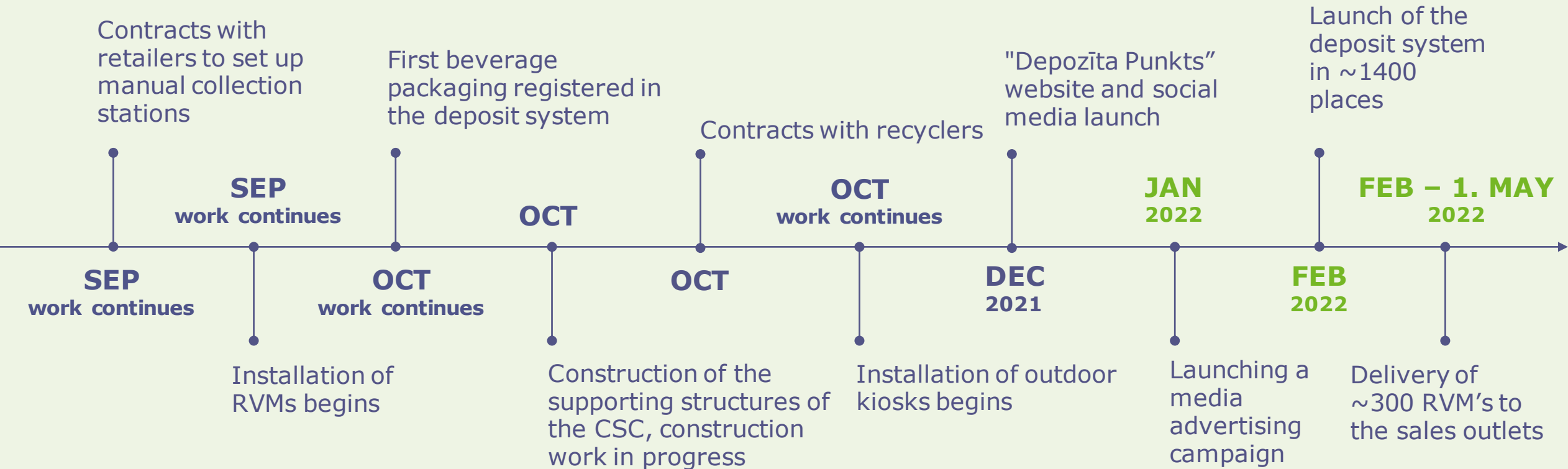


**~1,5 million glass bottles handed
over for refilling**

Implementation of the deposit system



Implementation of the deposit system



Transition period

The deposit system has a transitional period of 6 months (01.02.2022-31.07.2022). The shelves will be filled with deposit packaging gradually.

The transition period is necessary to allow beverage producers and retailers to sell off old beverage packaging and make the transition to the new system efficient and environmentally friendly!



Challenges

- Agreement and cooperation with stakeholders
- Establishment of an infrastructure for the acceptance of deposit packaging
- Communicating with the public and making a new habit a part of everyday life
- Logistics
- IT system
- Design and construction of a sorting centre within 1 year



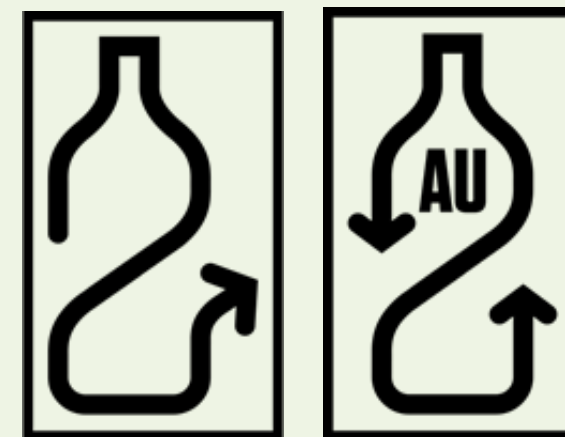
Lessons learned

- The participation of retailers in the operator is essential
- Experienced and capable partners; no room for mistakes
- The transition period should be realistic, but as short as possible



Lessons learned

- Deposit sign must be significantly different from the neighboring countries
- Legislation on the transportation of packaging and sanitary regulations in stores. → When does packaging becomes a waste?
- Regulations on premises reconstruction and the placement of deposit kiosks
- Retail Handing Fee (RHF) approval process



Latvia



Lithuania



Estonia

Lessons learned

- Accustoming society to a new habit
- Solving the problems that people face when returning deposit packaging
- Work with deposit packers - the process of registering and placing products on the market
- Change of the form of the deposit packaging



Lessons learned

Close cooperation with retailers:

- taking responsibility for the deposit stations;
- deposit system is not an extra concern, but a competitive advantage;
- care for the RVMs;
- sorting of packaging and its proper preparation for handling to operator



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