

OREGON DEQ RECYCLING SYSTEM FRAMEWORKS RESEARCH: EVALUATION OF EXISTING FRAMEWORKS

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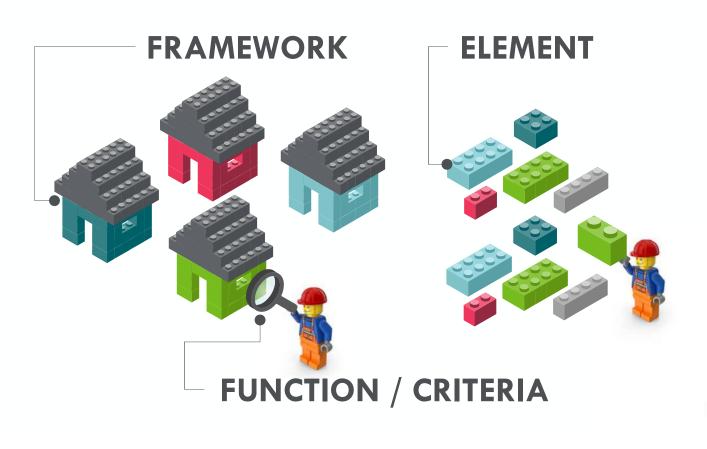


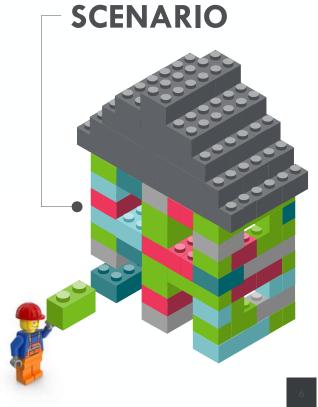
AGENDA

- Evaluation Context
- Framework Evaluations
- Putting it all together: Scenario
 Building



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRAMEWORK, FUNCTION, CRITERIA, ELEMENT, SCENARIO





Comprehensive Local Government Tompkins County, NY	2. State Contracts / Certifying MRFs Onondaga County (NY) Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA)	3. Comprehensive Statewide System Vermont	4. SMM Authority Conceptual Model	EPR For Processing / Marketing Only Conceptual Model
6. Shared EPR Manitoba	Full Integrated EPR BC	8. EPR with Upstream Focus France	9. Full Financial EPR with Municipal Services Quebec	10. Full Integrated EPR with Competitive PROs Austria

FUNCTIONS

A	Optimization: Optimizes the benefits of recycling considering life-cycle-impacts and costs
В	Resiliency: Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end-market demand
С	Financing: Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments
D	Integration: Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals
E	Upstream: Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials
F	Equity: Designs for equity – examining the burdens and benefits across the state
G	Shared Responsibility: Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry
Н	Goals: Uses goals and metrics to measure progress and support ongoing improvement

1	Education : Educates and encourages residents and businesses to use the system properly
J	Understanding Impacts: Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their life-cycles
K	Material Selection: Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs
L	Collection: Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing
M	Incoming Processing: Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes
N	Outgoing Processing: Produces quality materials that reach end markets
0	Downstream: Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets

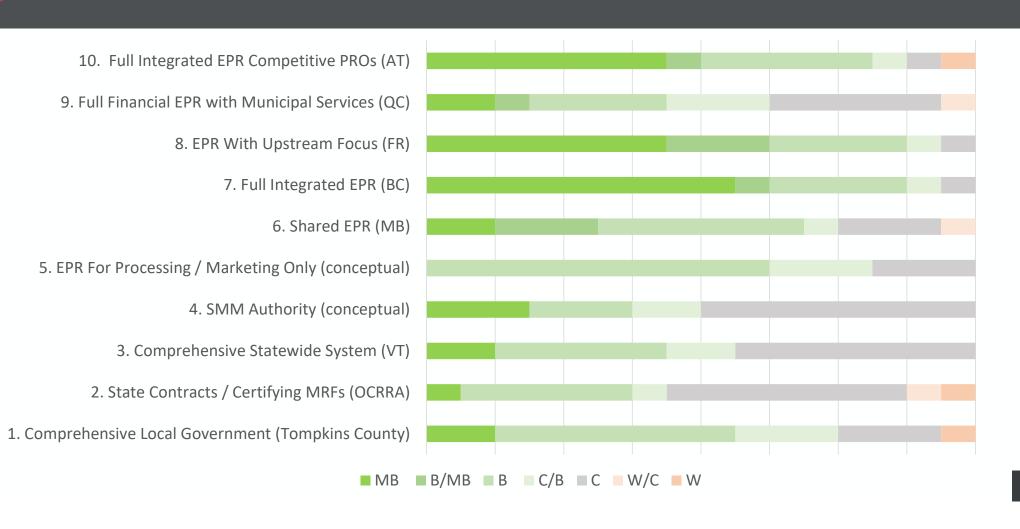
EVALUATION OVERVIEW

MW	Much Worse than current framework
W	Moderately Worse than current framework
С	Matches current framework
В	Moderately Better than current framework
MB	Much Better current framework
N/A	Function unaffected by framework

FRAMEWORKS

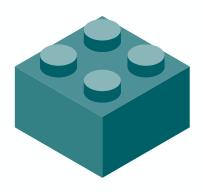
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	Α	Optimization	C/B	С	В	C/B	В	В	MB	B/MB	В	В
	В	Resiliency	В	С	С	В	C/B	B/MB	MB	MB	C/B	MB
	С	Financing	MB	W/C	В	С	C/B	MB	B/MB	MB	B/MB	MB
	D	Integration	С	С	С	MB	В	В	MB	MB	В	B/MB
.	E	Upstream	С	W	С	В	В	В	В	MB	В	В
	F	Equity	MB	С	MB	С	В	В	В	В	MB	MB
	G	Shared Responsibility	В	В	В	С	В	MB	MB	МВ	MB	В
)	Н	Goals	C/B	C/B	C/B	MB	В	B/MB	В	В	C/B	MB
	-1	Education	W	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
	J	Understanding Impacts	В	В	C/B	В	В	W/C	W/C	С	W/C	W
	K	Material Selection	В	MB	MB	MB	С	B/MB	MB	MB	С	В
	L	Collection	В	С	С	С	В	В	MB	B/MB	С	MB
	M	Incoming Processing	В	В	В	С	С	C/B	MB	B/MB	C/B	МВ
	N	Outgoing Processing	C/B	В	С	С	В	С	MB	В	С	В
	0	Downstream	С	С	С	С	В	С	МВ	C/MB	С	C/B
	P	Accountability	В	В	В	C/B	C/B	В	В	MB	В	MB

FRAMEWORK SCORING SUMMARY BY FUNCTION



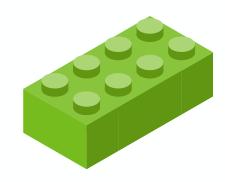
MAIN DIFFERENCES IN FRAMEWORKS: FINANCING

- Who pays
- Revenue/risk sharing
- Level of capital investment
- If EPR
 - Extent of producer responsibility
 - Eco-modulation penalties / incentives



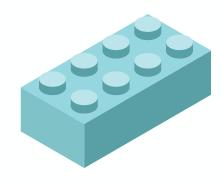
MAIN DIFFERENCES IN FRAMEWORKS: OPERATIONAL

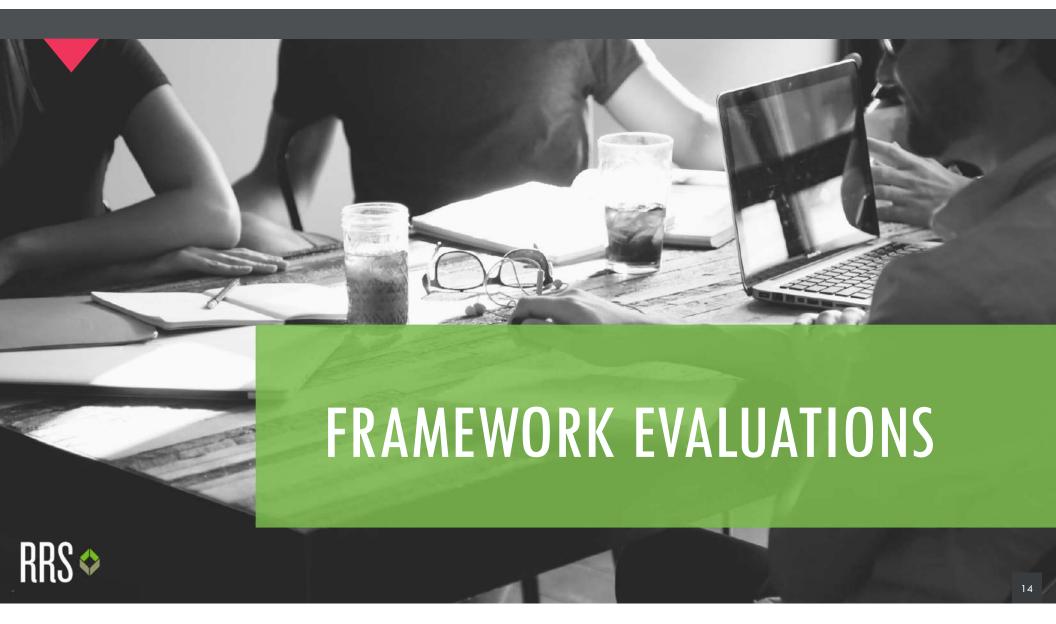
- Role of local government
- Extent of contractual / regulatory oversight post-collection
- Responsible party for education and outreach
- Extent of system integration / coordination
- Level of strategy and coordination of market development and technology improvement activities
- If EPR, extent of management by PRO

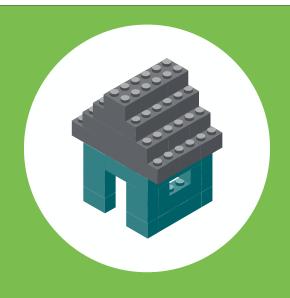


MAIN DIFFERENCES IN FRAMEWORKS: GOVERNANCE

- Role of state agency, local government, multi-stakeholder authority, and / or producers
- Transparency / reporting requirements
- Level of oversight
- Enforcement authority / provisions
- IF EPR:
 - Single PRO vs competitive vs individual
 - Non-profit vs for profit
 - Board composition and selection process







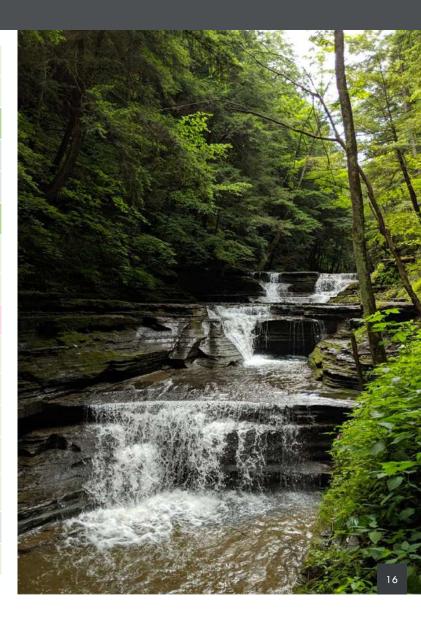
Local government programs utilizing comprehensive policy and contractual tools

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Α	Optimization	C/B
В	Resiliency	В
С	Financing	МВ
D	Integration	С
E	Upstream	С
F	Equity	MB
G	Shared Responsibility	В
Н	Goals	C/B
- 1	Education	W
J	Understanding Impacts	В
K	Material Selection	В
L	Collection	В
M	Incoming Processing	В
N	Outgoing Processing	C/B
0	Downstream	С
Р	Accountability	В



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: TOMPKINS COUNTY, NY



REGULATOR

Permits facilities

Issues regulations

Approves LSWMPs

Collects reports from local gov's, collection service providers, facilities



PRODUCER / PRO

No role in curbside recycling

Beverage distributors financing and operate deposit program



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately

Pay variable rate fees (PAYT)

Pay generator fee



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Prepare LSWMP

Enact source separation law and other policy

Implement programs

Report results

Owns key infrastructure, contracts operations

Licenses collection service providers



COLLECTOR

Obtain license from county

Sell PAYT tags; only collect tagged waste

Operate recycling services pursuant to a contract with county

Provide customers with cost breakdown



PROCESSOR

Be registered with NYS DEC

Operate MRF pursuant to contract with the County, including County approval of end markets



END MARKET

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: TOMPKINS COUNTY







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Local government programs utilizing comprehensive policy and contractual tools

REFERENCE PROGRAM: TOMPKINS COUNTY, NY

OVERVIEW:

- Manages the solid waste within its borders through public / private partnerships.
- Provides oversight and regulation; allows the private sector to manage all operational aspects.
- Requires 1) Mandatory Recycling, 2) A Trash Tag (PAYT) system for generators to pay for solid waste management,
 3) Hauler Licensing and Reporting, 4) SW Disposal in authorized facilities to deter illegal dumping.
- There is no landfill in the county.
- The county owns a MRF and a transfer station that accepts municipal solid waste (MSW), recycling, and food scraps generated within the county only. The county contracts the operation of the facility, collection and marketing of the recyclables, composting the organics, and transportation and disposal of landfill material.
- The private company that operates the county's MRF is responsible for marketing recyclables. The county does not have a role in marketing of materials or end market development, but can approve / disapprove of end markets identified by the contractor.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	МВ
Designs for equity – examining the burdens and benefits across the state	МВ
Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing	В
Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes	В

KEY ELEMENTS

- System Finance diverse and reliable funding sources
- Equity provides access to everyone including multi-family and businesses
- Clean materials in sufficient volume – mandatory recycling and PAYT trash fees incentivize recycling

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

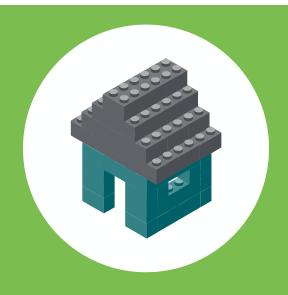
Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials	С
Educates and encourages residents and businesses to use the system properly	W
Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets	С

- Includes PAYT, but does not include any incentive for use of recycled content, or any other element that would impact upstream production
- Does not explicitly allocate responsibility for education and outreach
- Does not control or guide end markets, although the contract allows for county approval



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



State Contracts / Certifying MRFS

REFERENCE PROGRAM: OCRRA

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Α	Optimization	С
В	Resiliency	С
С	Financing	W/C
D	Integration	С
E	Upstream	W
F	Equity	С
G	Shared Responsibility	В
Н	Goals	C/B
1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	В
K	Material Selection	МВ
L	Collection	С
M	Incoming Processing	В
N	Outgoing Processing	В
0	Downstream	С
Р	Accountability	В



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: OCRRA



REGULATOR

Permits facilities

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Collects reports from local gov's, collection service providers, facilities



PRODUCER / PRO

No role in curbside recycling

Beverage distributors financing and operate deposit program



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately

Subscribe for recycling service, if municipality does not provide or contract for service



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Prepare LSWMP

Contract w/ MRF; shares revenue & pays processing fee when necessary (OCRRA)

Collect or determine collection method (municipalities)

> Enact source separation ordinance (County)



COLLECTOR

Collect materials

Deliver materials to processor

Comply with OCRRA contract terms



PROCESSOR

Process materials

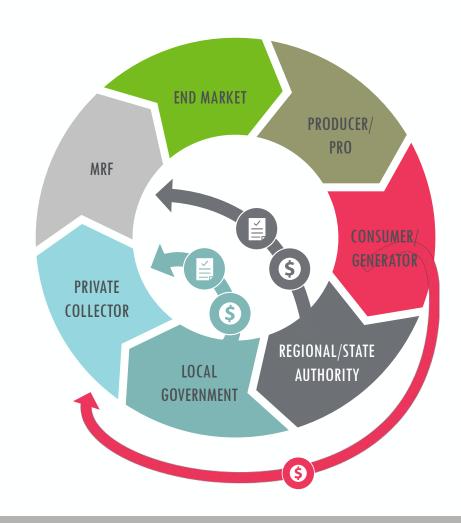
Accept recyclables at no cost

Market to appropriate end markets



END MARKET

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: OCRRA









State Contracts / Certifying MRFS

REFERENCE PROGRAM: OCRRA

OVERVIEW:

- New York's Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA) oversees waste and recycling for 33 participating municipalities within the county.
- Besides owning a WTE facility operated by a contractor, the agency takes an active role in many additional facets of the county's recovery system.
- All waste (not recyclables) generated in participating municipalities is flow-controlled to the OCRRA system.
- OCRRA contracts and pays processing costs at MRF(s), allowing collection service providers to deliver material to contracted MRFs at no cost.
- OCRRA does not perform collection services; these are provided by municipalities directly, or via communitywide contract, or contracted for by residents through individual subscription.
- Recyclable materials are standardized under local law and the agency's contracts.
- Framework currently operates on the local level but could be applied state-wide.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	В
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	МВ
N Produces quality materials that reach end markets	В
Ensures all players in the system perform responsibly	В

KEY ELEMENTS

- Responsibility strong regulatory and contractual approach that clearly defines responsibilities and allows for enforcement
- Processing ensures recycling processing is available to all collection service providers and residents at "no cost"
- Competition allows for competition among MRFs

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

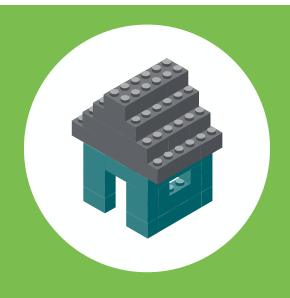
Optimizes the benefits of recycling considering life cycle-impacts and costs	С
Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	W/C
Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials	W

- Despite strong public policy driving recycling, does not optimize recycling due to limited oversight of recycling supply chain
- Does not affect upstream environmental impacts
- Does not include a sustainable funding mechanism
- Does not explicitly support market development or provide end market oversight



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



Comprehensive Statewide System
Reference System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: VERMONT

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REFERENCE PROGRAM: VERMONT

Α	Optimization	В
В	Resiliency	С
С	Financing	В
D	Integration	С
E	Upstream	С
F	Equity	MB
G	Shared Responsibility	В
Н	Goals	C/B
1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	C/B
J K	•	C/B MB
	Impacts Material	,
K	Impacts Material Selection	MB
K L	Impacts Material Selection Collection Incoming	МВ
K L M	Impacts Material Selection Collection Incoming Processing Outgoing	MB C B



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: VERMONT



REGULATOR

Solid waste management planning

Regulatory oversight

Permitting

Collect and audit state-wide tip-fee surcharge; distribute 17% to local governments / districts



PRODUCER / PRO

No role in curbside recycling

Beverage distributors financing and operate deposit program



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately

Pay variable rate disposal fees



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Develop and implement SWIPs, on own or through solid waste districts

Assess local tip fee surcharge to fund programs (typically)



COLLECTOR

Provide recycling service to all generators at no additional charge



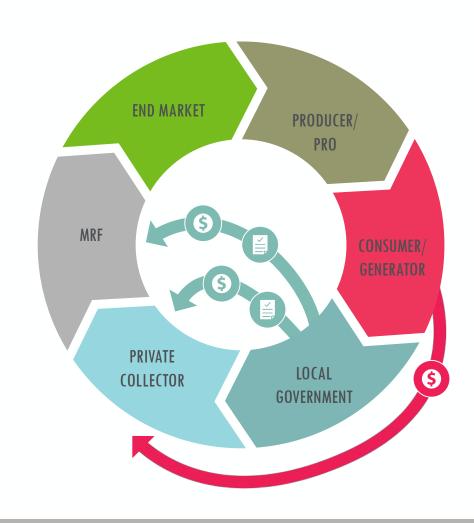
PROCESSOR

Process materials for market (on contract to districts, or as merchant operators)



END MARKET

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: VERMONT









Comprehensive Statewide System Reference System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: VERMONT

OVERVIEW:

- Framework is governed by legislation that creates a strong policy structure to support recycling, including requirements for statewide Pay As You Throw (PAYT) incentive programs, universal recycling access (wherever waste collection is provided), and recyclables disposal bans.
- Programs implemented primarily by regional solid waste districts.
- The state's system is funded by statewide and local tip-fee surcharges, as well as PAYT.
- Beverage distributors are responsible for financing and operating the recycling programs for beer, carbonated soft drinks, and liquor under the state's bottle bill.
- The state achieves an impressive 72% recovery rate for recyclable paper and containers.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	В
Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	В
Designs for equity – examining the burdens and benefits across the state	МВ
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	MB
Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes	В

KEY ELEMENTS

- Equity Mandatory source separation, universal (parallel) recycling access, landfill bans, mandatory regional planning, and mandatory PAYT drive recycling equally everywhere
- Identifies beneficial materials Consistent list of materials to be collected includes a process for adapting/updating list
- Clean materials in sufficient volumes mandatory recycling, universal access, and PAYT trash fees incentivize recycling
- Sustainable financing relies on a diverse based of funding mechanisms
- Engages and motivates all players except producers

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

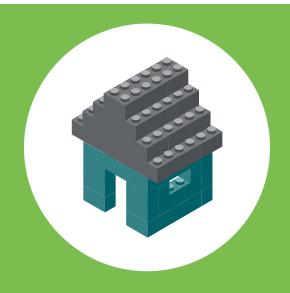
Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end-market demand	С
Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals	С
Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials	С
Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing	С

- Does not focus downstream, having little effect on processing and end markets
- Does not focus on upstream impacts beyond promoting reduction and reuse planning; does not incentivize use of recycled content
- Focus on extensive collection, rather than quality
- Material recovery decisions driven not only by markets, but also by other factors (toxicity, volume)



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



FRAMEWORK 4 SMM Authority

REFERENCE PROGRAM: CONCEPTUAL MODEL

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Α	Optimization	C/B
В	Resiliency	В
С	Financing	С
D	Integration	MB
E	Upstream	В
F	Equity	С
G	Shared Responsibility	С
Н	Goals	МВ
1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	В
K	Material Selection	МВ
L		_
_	Collection	С
M	Incoming Processing	С
_	Incoming	
M	Incoming Processing Outgoing	С



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: SMM AUTHORITY



REGULATOR*

Regulatory oversight

Enforcement

Policy development



PRODUCER / PRO

Comply with requirements imposed by SMMA (e.g. single-use products, source reduction, recycled content, reuse/repair, expanded deposits)



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ensure opportunities for recycling

Provide recycling services directly or through contracts with service providers



COLLECTOR

Maintain current service provisions under Oregon framework

Implement changes directed by SMMA (e.g, change in scope of products/ packaging)



PROCESSOR

Maintain current service provisions under OR framework

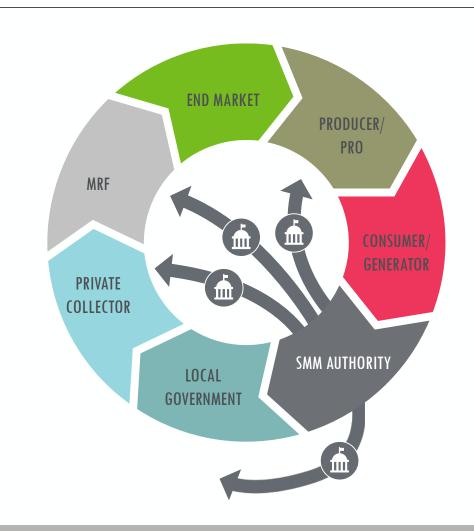
Implement changes directed by SMMA (e.g, change in scope of products/ packaging)



END MARKET

^{*}Regulator includes roles of SMMA and DEQ

FINANCIAL
AND
OPERATIONAL
FLOWS:
SMM
AUTHORITY







FRAMEWORK 4 SMM Authority

REFERENCE PROGRAM: CONCEPTUAL MODEL

OVERVIEW:

- The Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Authority is a conceptual model that draws on existing cooperative models of governance for solid waste management and recycling.
- It is designed to advance the SMM vision in Oregon through a consolidated and focused decision-making structure composed of a multi-stakeholder board that is representative of the actors in the materials management chain.
- The SMM Authority and its activities could be financed by a variety of means.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals	МВ
Uses goals and metrics to measure progress and support ongoing improvement	MB
Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles	В
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	MB

KEY ELEMENTS

- System integration, coordination, and improvement
- Beneficial Materials Enable prioritization of products and packaging to be emphasized
- Service delivery and financing system would not be fundamentally affected

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

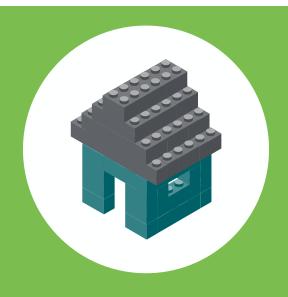
Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	С
Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes	С
N Produces quality materials that reach end markets	С

- Anticipated that the local government and ratepayer financing responsibility for recycling activities will remain intact
- Players would largely maintain current roles
- Material flows may be reduced in response to source reduction and reuse efforts
- Limited impact on any operational elements



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



FRAMEWORK 5

EPR System for Processing/Marketing

REFERENCE PROGRAM: CONCEPTUAL MODEL

FRAMEWORK 5

EPR System for Processing/Marketing

REFERENCE PROGRAM: HYBRID EPR SYSTEM

A	Optimization	В
В	Resiliency	C/B
С	Financing	C/B
D	Integration	В
E	Upstream	В
F	Equity	В
G	Shared Responsibility	В
Н	Goals	В
- 1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	В
K	Material Selection	С
L	Collection	В
M	Incoming Processing	С
N	Outgoing Processing	В
0	Downstream	В
P	Accountability	C/B



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: HYBRID EPR



REGULATOR

Set requirements

Regulatory oversight

Enforcement



PRODUCER / PRO

Set / collect fees

Finance and control marketing of sorted materials (post – MRF)

Comply with regulatory requirements



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Provide collection and processing services (either directly or by contract)

Provide material to producers at no cost



COLLECTOR

Collect and deliver materials to processor (on contract to local government)



PROCESSOR

Process materials

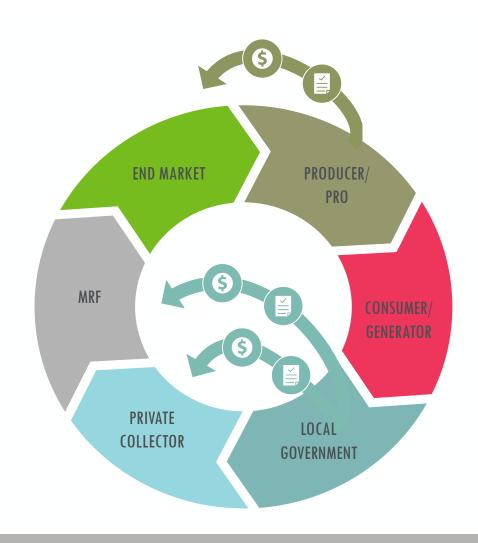
Provide sorted material to producer responsibility organization (PRO)



END MARKET

Reprocess materials, per agreement with PRO

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: HYBRID EPR









FRAMEWORK 5

EPR System for Processing/Marketing

REFERENCE PROGRAM: CONCEPTUAL MODEL

OVERVIEW:

- This framework is a hybrid EPR model with the producers bearing financial and operational responsibility for the marketing and end market processing of packaging collected for recycling, while the municipalities finance the collection and sorting of the collected materials. Examples of this approach include Slovenia in the European Union but other program examples, (e.g., BC), could be modified to reflect this hybrid approach.
- In the EPR system in Slovenia, the municipalities are required to provide recycling collection to households for waste packaging. They also contract for processing.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	В
N Produces quality materials that reach end markets	В
Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets	В

KEY ELEMENTS

- Shared responsibility shares responsibility of different aspects with all parties
- End Markets essentially ensures an end market creating stability and resiliency

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

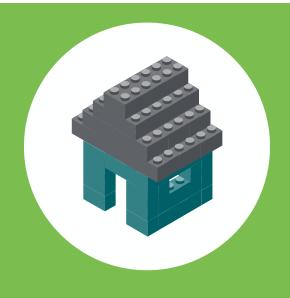
Educates and encourages residents and businesses to use the system properly	С
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	С
Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes	С
Ensures all players in the system perform responsibly	C/B

- Would not finance or influence other parts of the system, including collection and education, which may be vulnerable depending on local conditions.
- System integration benefits that normally come with EPR would not be a factor.



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



FRAMEWORK 6 Shared EPR System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: MANITOBA

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REFERENCE PROGRAM: MANITOBA

Α	Optimization	В
В	Resiliency	B/MB
С	Financing	MB
D	Integration	В
E	Upstream	В
F	Equity	В
G	Shared Responsibility	MB
Н	Goals	B/MB
1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	W/C
J K	_	W/C B/MB
-	Impacts Material	
K	Impacts Material Selection	B/MB
K	Impacts Material Selection Collection Incoming	B/MB
K L M	Impacts Material Selection Collection Incoming Processing Outgoing	B/MB B C/B



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: MANITOBA



REGULATOR

Set requirements

Negotiate and approve stewardship plans

> Regulatory Oversight

Enforcement



PRODUCER / PRO

Develop and implements Program Plan

Meet packaging recovery targets

Set / collect fees

Develop program agreement with municipalities

Set list of Materials

Finance 80% of recycling costs



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Design and implement recycling program; provide service directly or contract with private companies

Meet PRO
program
agreement
requirements
(e.g., materials
collected)



COLLECTOR

Collect materials, as contracted

Deliver materials to processor, as contracted



PROCESSOR

Process designated materials

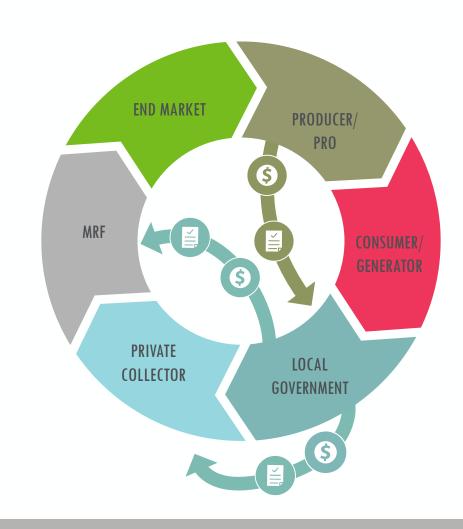
Register with PRO

Market to end markets



END MARKET

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: MANITOBA









FRAMEWORK 6

Shared EPR System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: MANITOBA

OVERVIEW:

- The Manitoba framework is a shared producer responsibility system for managing residential printed paper and packaging (PPP), where producers cover 80% of the costs of recycling, and municipalities pay the remaining 20%.
- Producers meet their obligation through two stewardship organizations, one focused on beverage containers (Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association, CBCRA) and one focused on all other packaging and printed paper (Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba, MMSM).
- MMSM is responsible for financing 80% of the net program cost of the residential curbside and drop off recycling programs.
- A municipal program must meet certain requirements, including types of material collected, in order to be eligible for financing. Nearly all communities participate.
- CBCRA works in conjunction with MMSM to finance beverage containers in residential stream and provides bins and promotion to support beverage container recycling at events and public spaces.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end-market demand	B/MB
Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	МВ
Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	МВ
Uses goals and metrics to measure progress and support ongoing improvement	B/MB
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	B/MB

KEY ELEMENTS

- Shared responsibility shares responsibility both operationally and financially with all parties
- Identifies beneficial materials –
 harmonizes with a consistent material
 list
- Local government role more responsibility than some other EPR systems; feedback loops between MMSM and local governments

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

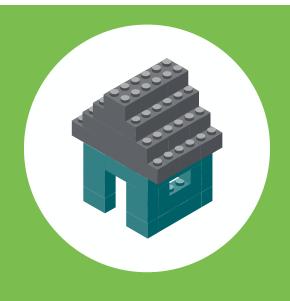
Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles	W/C
N Produces quality materials that reach end markets	С
Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets	С

- No economic mechanisms engaging public to understand cost of recycling, waste prevention or other life cycle impacts of decisions
- Inconsistency in collection systems further leads to contamination
- No control or guidance related to processing or end markets
- No incentive for use of recycled content



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



Full EPR System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: BRITISH COLUMBIA

FRAMEWORK 7 Full EPR System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: BRITISH COLUMBIA

A	Optimization	MB
В	Resiliency	MB
С	Financing	B/MB
D	Integration	MB
E	Upstream	В
F	Equity	В
G	Shared Responsibility	МВ
Н	Goals	В
- 1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	W/C
K	Material Selection	МВ
L	Collection	МВ
M	Incoming Processing	МВ
N	Outgoing Processing	МВ
0	Downstream	MB
Р	Accountability	В



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: BC



REGULATOR

Set requirements

Negotiate and approves stewardship plans

> Regulatory oversight

Enforcement



PRODUCER / PRO

Develop and implement Program Plan

Set / collect fees

Finance System

Meet packaging recovery targets

Coordinate and implement **Operations**

Contract with collection and processing service providers



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL **GOVERNMENT**

Contract with PRO as Collection Agent (optional)



COLLECTOR

Contract with PRO or subcontract with LG

Collect designated materials

Deliver materials to processor



PROCESSOR

Process designated materials on contract to PRO

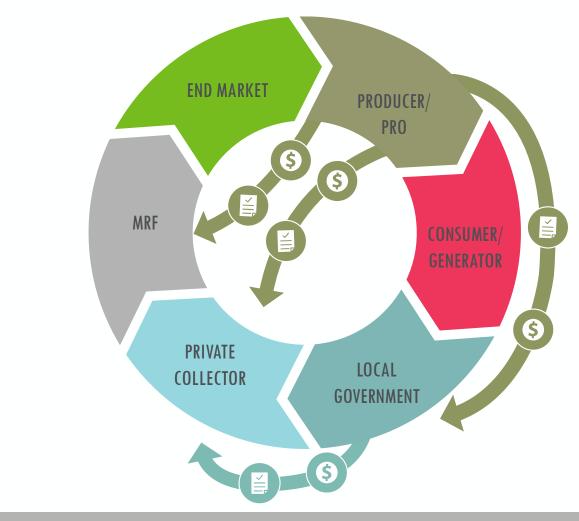
Market to appropriate end markets, per agreement with PRO



END MARKET

Meet or exceed **OECD** Standards

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: BRITISH COLUMBIA









FRAMEWORK 7 Full EPR System

REFERENCE PROGRAM: BRITISH COLUMBIA

OVERVIEW:

- Manages residential packaging and printed paper (PPP) through fully producer financed and operated system
- Producers meet obligations through Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) – RecycleBC
- There is a broad list of materials collected through curbside programs and depots
- Operational elements material list, level of service, downstream flow - are harmonized province wide
- Local governments can have a role as "collection agent" OR can outsource to RecycleBC to directly contract for service, at which point they have no functional role
- RecycleBC has preference for multi-stream programs and incentivizes them
- Post-Collection is coordinated through a province-wide contract that utilizes preexisting footprint plus new infrastructure that developed as a result of the contract award
- There are limited eco-design-based incentives

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Optimizes the benefits of recycling considering life cycle-impacts and costs	MB
B Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end-market demand	MB
Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	B/MB
D Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals	MB
Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	MB
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	MB
Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing	MB
Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes	MB
N Produces quality materials that reach end markets	MB
Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets	MB

KEY ELEMENTS

- Shared Responsibility all system players have active roles
- Sustainable and Comprehensive Financing – fees cover all costs, adjust annually, allows for R&D and market development, provide limited design incentives
- Coordination and harmonization along supply chain – improved quality, high performance, economies of scale, private investment stimulation

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

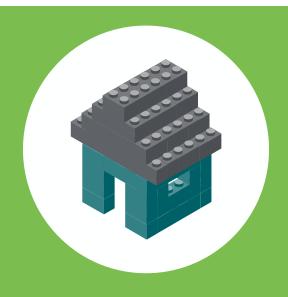
Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles D.6/K.5 Framework decides on materials to be included for collection based on whether there are consistent, robust markets

- Does not incorporate economic incentives for waste reduction, or mechanisms engaging public to understand cost of recycling, waste prevention or other life cycle impacts of decisions
- Includes materials that don't have robust markets – flexible pouches, PE tubes



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



FRAMEWORK 8

Full EPR with Elements to Incentivize Reduction of Upstream Impacts

REFERENCE PROGRAM: FRANCE

FRAMEWORK 8

Full EPR with
Elements to
Incentivize
Reduction of
Upstream Impacts

REFERENCE PROGRAM: FRANCE

A	Optimization	B/MB
В	Resiliency	MB
С	Financing	MB
D	Integration	MB
E	Upstream	MB
F	Equity	В
G	Shared Responsibility	MB
Н	Goals	В
- 1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	С
K	Material Selection	МВ
L	Collection	B/MB
M	Incoming Processing	B/MB
N	Outgoing Processing	В
0	Downstream	C/MB
Р	Accountability	МВ



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: FRANCE



REGULATOR

Set requirements

Negotiate and approve stewardship plan

Regulatory Oversight

Enforcement



PRODUCER / PRO

Develop and implement Program Plan

Meet packaging recovery targets

Set fees that reflect recyclability and upstream impacts

Finance most of the cost of the system (~80%)



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Implement recycling program

Meet requirements for PRO funding

Fund a portion of program costs $(\sim 20\%)$



COLLECTOR

Provide services to LGs or the recycling networks



PROCESSOR

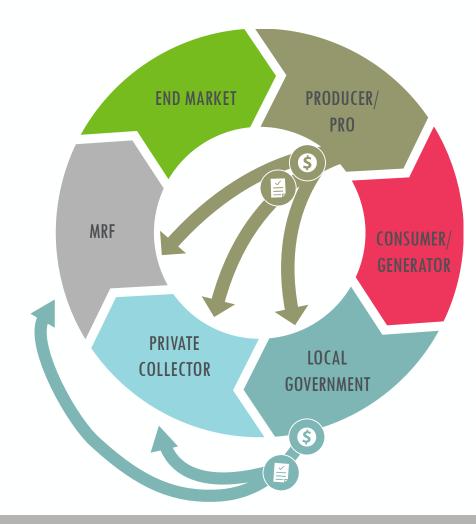
Provide services to LGs or the recycling networks



END MARKET

Collaborate with PRO and LGs through recycling networks

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: FRANCE









FRAMEWORK 8

Full EPR with
Elements to
Incentivize
Reduction of
Upstream Impacts

REFERENCE PROGRAM: FRANCE

OVERVIEW:

- France's recycling framework is a producer responsibility system for managing residential packaging and printed paper (PPP) that incorporates incentives for design for recyclability and reducing upstream impacts
- Producers are obligated to cover most of the costs and to coordinate recycling programs and material management
- Program is implemented by a single producer responsibility organization (PRO), CITEO. System operations are funded through fees paid by producers.
- Recycling services are generally provided by municipalities, with most costs covered by the PRO.
 Sorting, processing and end-use are managed by the PRO.
- The fee structure incorporates eco-modulated fees to incentivize good packaging design and use of recycled content, and penalize producers of packaging that challenges the recycling system.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end-market demand	MB
Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	MB
Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals	MB
Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials	MB
Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	MB
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	MB
P Ensures all players in the system perform responsibly	MB

KEY ELEMENTS

- Shared responsibility shares responsibility with all parties, including producers and materials industry groups
- Eco-modulation incentivizes upstream design choices
- System integration CITEO's role allows for efficiencies and coordinated investments in processing technologies/end markets

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

J

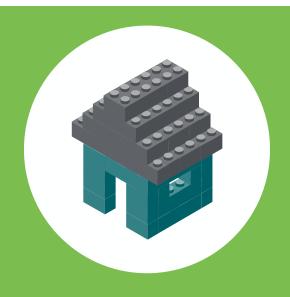
Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles

- No incentives to drive appropriate behavior among residents
- CITEO public education program focuses on benefits of recycling on GHG and other environmental impacts



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



FRAMEWORK 9

Full EPR System Where Municipalities Deliver Services and Producers Cover all Costs

REFERENCE PROGRAM: QUEBEC

FRAMEWORK 9

Full EPR System
Where
Municipalities
Deliver Services
and Producers
Cover all Costs

REFERENCE PROGRAM: QUEBEC

A	Optimization	В
В	Resiliency	C/B
С	Financing	B/MB
D	Integration	В
E	Upstream	В
F	Equity	МВ
G	Shared Responsibility	МВ
Н	Goals	C/B
1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	W/C
K	Material Selection	С
L	Collection	С
M	Incoming Processing	C/B
N	Outgoing Processing	С
0	Downstream	С
Р	Accountability	В



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: QUEBEC



REGULATOR

Set requirements

Regulatory Oversight

Approve fee schedule

Acts as arbiter among producers and municipalities

Certify PRO (EEQ)

Enforcement



PRODUCER / PRO

Set / Collect fees

Finance cost of municipal recycling services

Meet packaging recovery targets

Provide operational support as appropriate



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Operate curbside recycling, either directly or through contracted services

Operate under an approved Plan (RMMP)

Report net program costs to Recyc-Québec



COLLECTOR

Provide service according to contract with LGs



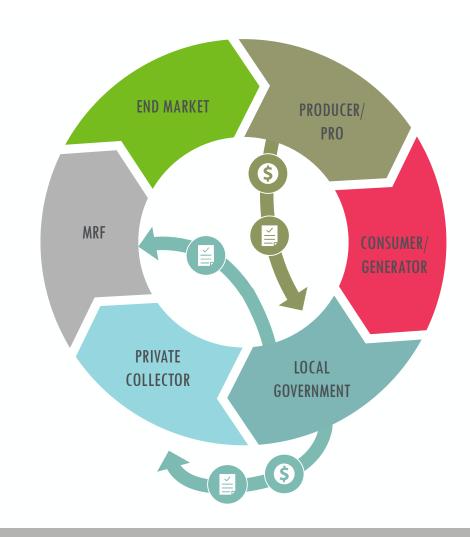
PROCESSOR

Provide service according to agreement with LGs



END MARKET

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: QUEBEC









Full EPR System
Where
Municipalities
Deliver Services
and Producers
Cover all Costs

REFERENCE PROGRAM:
QUEBEC

OVERVIEW:

- A producer responsibility system for managing residential printed paper and packaging (PPP) in which producers compensate municipalities for the cost of residential recycling services; compensation is intended to cover full costs, but formula allows for adjustment related to program efficiency.
- Producers can meet obligations individually, but in practice they work collectively through Éco Enterprises Québec (EEQ)
- Local governments implement recycling programs either through direct service or by contracting with private service providers.
- The Province has robust curbside access, an optional harmonized list, and includes some eco-design-based incentives in the fee structure.
- A privately managed beverage container deposit program is in place and covers beer and carbonated beverages.
- The PPP and deposit programs are overseen by Recyc-Québec, a public corporation under the direction of the Minister of the Environment.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	B/MB
P Designs for equity — examining the burdens and benefits across the state	MB
Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry	MB

KEY ELEMENTS

- Shared responsibility shares responsibility with all parties, including producers
- Sustainable funding and broad access to residents, small business public spaces and some ICI
- Local governments have operational control without financial responsibility
- Fees create some eco-design incentives

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

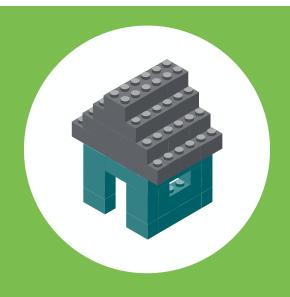
Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles	W/C
K Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs	С
N Produces quality materials that reach end markets	С
Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets	С

- No economic mechanisms engaging public to understand cost of recycling, waste prevention or other life cycle impacts of decisions
- Contamination is a concern
- Harmonization could be improved
- No control or guidance related to processing or end markets



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework



FRAMEWORK 10

Full EPR System With Competitive Producer Responsibility Organizations

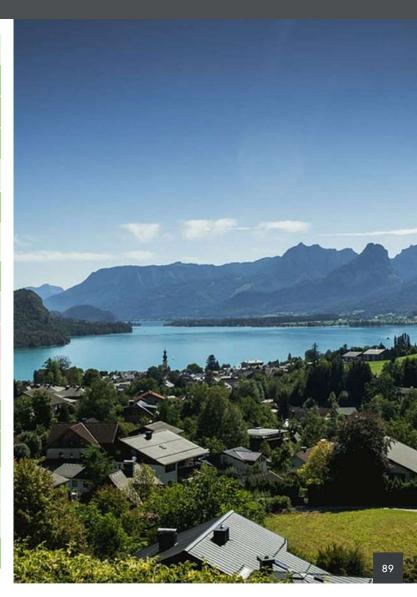
REFERENCE PROGRAM: AUSTRIA

FRAMEWORK 10

Full EPR System
With Competitive
Producer
Responsibility
Organizations

REFERENCE PROGRAM: AUSTRIA

Α	Optimization	В
В	Resiliency	MB
С	Financing	MB
D	Integration	B/MB
E	Upstream	В
F	Equity	MB
G	Shared Responsibility	В
Н	Goals	MB
- 1	Education	С
J	Understanding Impacts	W
K	Material Selection	В
L	Collection	MB
M	Incoming Processing	MB
N	Outgoing Processing	В
0	Downstream	C/B
Р	Accountability	MB



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY: AUSTRIA



REGULATOR

Set requirements

Oversee the Packaging Coordination Office (VKS) and PROs

Approve local recycling and PRO plans

Coordinate role of each PRO (VKS)

Compile data

Enforcement



PRODUCER / PRO

Full financial and operational responsibility for residential and commercial packaging recycling

Join one of 7 PROs that finance recycling services

Meet packaging recovery targets



CONSUMER

Recycle appropriately



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Provide
recycling
services to their
residents or
allow the
designed PRO to
provide direct
service



COLLECTOR

Contract with PRO or LG

Collect Designated materials



PROCESSOR

Process designated materials

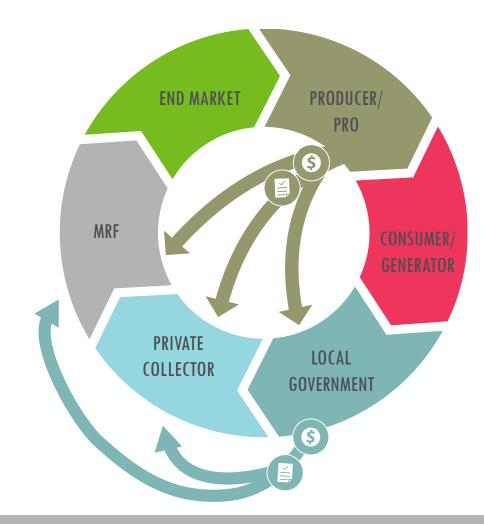
Market to appropriate end markets as coordinated by PROs



END MARKET

Collaborate with PROs

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL FLOWS: AUSTRIA









FRAMEWORK 9

Full EPR System
With Competitive
Producer
Responsibility
Organizations

REFERENCE PROGRAM: AUSTRIA

OVERVIEW:

- Full producer responsibility system for residential and commercially generated packaging that includes multiple producer responsibility organizations (PROs)
- Requires producers to be operationally and financially responsible for the management of packaging, including planning, education, collection, handling, processing and marketing of materials. Producers can meet their obligations individually, but in practice they comply through participation in one of seven PROs, which are governed and funded by their member companies.
- Each PRO is assigned a distinct region to manage. The Packaging Coordination Office – VKS -GmbH – coordinates the PROs, assigning the regions and ensuring competition and fairness. VKS is funded by the PROs.
- Local governments can maintain a role as service provider or can delegate operations to the PRO assigned to their region, who would provide service through contracts with private collectors and processors.
- The recycling infrastructure is state of the art and is well-coordinated.
- The fee structure incentivizes source reduction and recyclability.

HIGHLIGHTS: **HIGH** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end- market demand	МВ
Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments	MB
Designs for equity – examining the burdens and benefits across the state	MB
Uses goals and metrics to measure progress and support ongoing improvement	MB
Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing	MB
Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes	МВ
P Ensures all players in the system perform responsibly	MB

KEY ELEMENTS

- Competition among PROs fosters efficiency
- Shared responsibility shares responsibility with all parties, including producers
- Sustainable funding and broad access to residents
- Collects high quality materials
- System integration through PROs and role of VKS
- Responsibility through marketing allows for system coordination and efficiencies

WEAKNESS: **LOW** SCORING FUNCTIONS

Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles



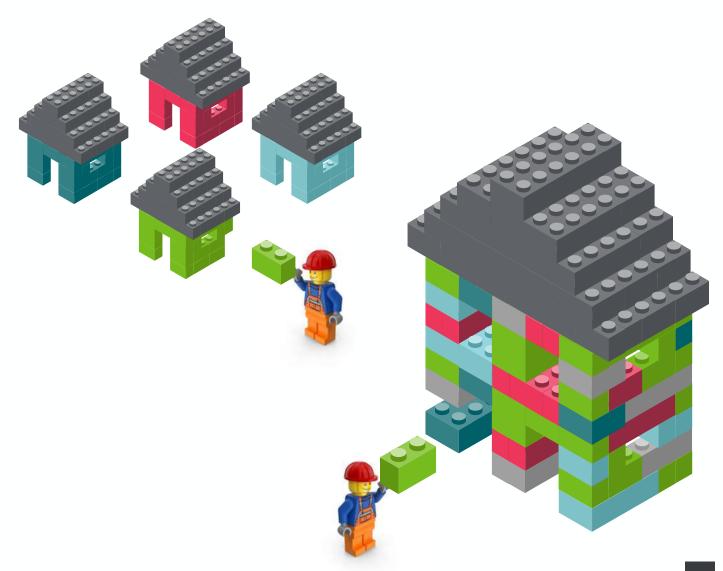
- Does not provide economic incentives to reduce waste or drive recycling behavior
- Competition can lead to lack of transparency, reduces benefits of scale and greater coordination
- Does not incentivize the use of recycled content



QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions to round out understanding of the framework

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: SCENARIO BUILDING



HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION A

Optimizes the benefits of recycling considering life-cycle-impacts and costs



MB: Systems that integrate collections, operations and infrastructure decision making



MB: Systems that share responsibility with all players (including producers)



B: Strong underlying policy requirements, including mandatory recycling and / or extensive recycling service provided to generators at no additional charge

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION B

Resiliently adapts to changes in material supply and end-market demand



MB: Flexible and sufficient funding, including for market development and R&D



B: Diversified and flexible funding mechanisms



B: Ability to adjust processing arrangements to accommodate changes in the stream

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION C

Provides sustainable and equitable financing for stable operations and capital investments



MB: Producer funding, including collection and processing



MB: Diversified funding mechanisms with high transparency



B: Diversified funding

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION D

Integrates system components to achieve overall system goals



MB: One party responsible for full system coordination and / or integration



B: One party responsible for integration of collection and processing

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION E

Includes mechanisms to reduce upstream impacts of materials



MB: Eco-modulated producer fees



B: Weight-based producer fees



B: Waste reduction and reuse programs

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION F

Designs for equity – examining the burdens and benefits across the state



MB: Broad recycling service provision including events, public spaces, etc. (e.g., universal access)



B: Consistent recycling service provision to all residential generators (single & multifamily)

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION G

Shares responsibility for the system among players including residents and businesses, producers, state and local governments, and recycling industry



MB: Engages all system players, including producers and processors



B: Incorporates materials processing

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION H

Uses goals and metrics to measure progress and support ongoing improvement



MB: Structural or coordinated feedback among players in the system



B: Regular and transparent reporting

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION I

Educates and encourages residents and businesses to use the system properly



MB: None



B: None

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION J

Engages the public to understand the benefits and the costs of recycling, preventing waste and reducing impacts of materials throughout their lifecycles



MB: Public education and outreach efforts focused on waste prevention, reuse and system costs



B: Public education and outreach focused on waste prevention and reuse

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION K

Identifies beneficial materials acceptable for collection programs



MB: Common list of recyclables for all residents/system participants and a consistent process for adding/removing materials



B: Common list of recyclables for all residents/system participants

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION L

Collects clean, acceptable materials for processing



MB: Dual or multi-stream collection



B: Contamination penalties



B: Integrated management / organization of collection and processing

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION M

Ensures processing facilities receive clean materials and in sufficient volumes



MB: Mandatory recycling, expansive service (e.g., universal access), and incentives for multi-stream collection or low contamination



B: Mandatory recycling and expansive service

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION N

Produces quality materials that reach end markets



MB: Domestic end-market preference and standards for export



B: Compliance with the Basel Convention



B: Contract requirements on processors

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION 0

Ensures materials are managed responsibly from collection through end markets



MB: Systems that integrate collection, processing and marketing decision making



B: Tracking and reporting of end-markets

HIGH PERFORMING ELEMENTS: FUNCTION P

Ensures all players in the system perform responsibly



MB: Substantial and transparent reporting requirements

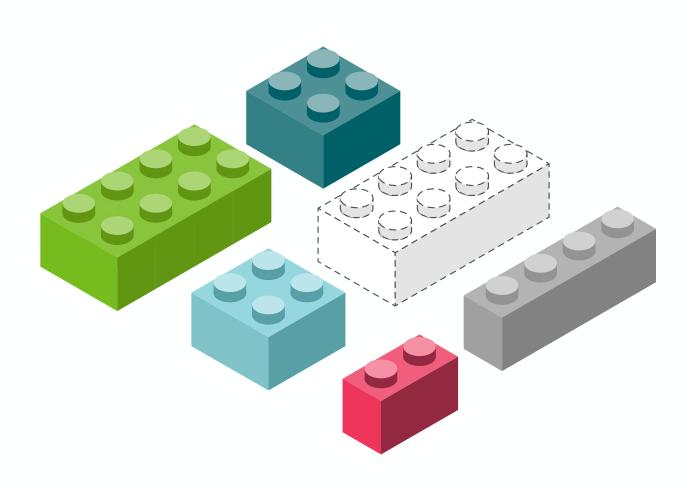


B: Compliance with the Basel Convention



B: Enforcement and economic incentives

ARE THERE ANY ELEMENTS MISSING?





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