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Hi,

I support this initiative.

I believe it will make Irish cities and countryside cleaner, and it's long overdue we introduce such a program.

Regarding the questions you asked:

- I don't have a strong opinion regarding centralized / hybrid / decentralized model.
- Deposit of €0.20 is perhaps too low - I am afraid it won't deter littering/waste enough. I believe it should be closer to €0.50 or maybe even eventually higher. It should not depend on container size for simplicity.
- for publicity it would be great to introduce payment for the return without requiring deposit for a limited time. I.e. for 2-3 months we could run a program where the public can return plastic containers while not yet rising shelf prices. This could be a great incentive and may create some good habits.

Overall I'd like Ireland to reduce usage of plastic and eliminate excessive packaging.

E.g. I'd like to see financial incentives that will help to stop using plastic covers for vegetables in grocery stores. There are several grocery stores that offer unpackaged goods (or offer only reusable packaging) - I'd like these too have some financial support, and I'm happy to pay for it through extra fees on non-reusable packaging.

Finally, thank you for working on this and for asking for our opinion!

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