Annual Report of Správca zálohového systému for 2024

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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The main objective of Správca zálohového systému in 2025 will be to maintain the rate of return on deposit beverage containers at the specified level



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Another year of the deposit scheme is behind us, and I am honoured to once again address you at the beginning of our 2024 Annual Report. This is an opportunity to briefly take stock of the past year and, at the same time, to inform you about what we want to focus on with the Slovak deposit scheme in 2025.

The year 2024 was a very successful year for the deposit return system in Slovakia. It yielded positive results
in terms of the number of beverage containers collected
and marked the launch of several projects aimed at increasing the return rate, expanding the collection network, streamlining deposit scheme processes, and engaging in public awareness activities and educating the younger generation about the deposit scheme and circular economy.

By the end of 2024, we had collected more than three billion beverage containers in Slovakia since the launch of the deposit return system. The annual rate of return has stabilised at around 90%. According to a survey by 2muse, it was confirmed that up to 99% of consumers are familiar with the deposit return system and 95% of them have personal experience of it. At the same time, up to 77% of consumers see the deposit scheme as an initiative that helps to reduce the environmental burden and improve the quality of recycling. After three years of operation, it is clear that the system has its value because it fulfils its statutory objectives, is efficient, and is accessible to everyone.

The collection network in Slovakia already comprises more than 3,400 collection points, of which approximately 72% are automated and 28% are manual. We are constantly expanding and streamlining it. We are trying to encourage the establishment of new collection points in the network of smaller retailers. The new collection points that are gradually being installed at petrol stations also show promise. However, in order to cover the needs of the Slovak population to a greater extent, we are looking for solutions other than returning empty beverage containers to retail outlets. Therefore, in 2024, we intensified our efforts to create alternative collection points, such as at sports and cultural events, festivals, near cultural monuments, in schools, kindergartens, in workplaces where fluid intake schemes are in place for employees, swimming pools, and even in hospitals.

In cooperation with national parks, we installed four more collection bins on busy hiking trails in 2024. A collection point at the highest altitude in Slovakia was created at Kráľova hoľa in the Low Tatras. Last year's summer season also introduced many pilot projects, such as a deposit scheme at Bratislava swimming pools in cooperation with the Bratislava Physical Education and Recreational Facilities Administration (STaRZ), and deposit schemes at cultural monuments such as Beckov Castle. During the festival season, we introduced an innovative system of mobile patrols for the convenient collection of empty containers from visitors to several well-known Slovak summer festivals.

But that is far from all. With the opening of the new interim warehouse in Nová Polhora, we are continuing to make the deposit return system more efficient, mainly by optimising its logistics, reducing emissions, and saving on the cost of transporting the collected containers. Year on year, we reduced logistics costs by as much as 14.3% by streamlining operations.

In 2024, Správca zálohového systému also worked intensively on outreach and educating the younger generation. Our activities were primarily aimed at raising awareness and popularising the deposit scheme among pre-school children, primary school pupils, and secondary school and university students. This also included the organisation of webinars and lectures, and the preparation of presentations and guidelines for teaching staff and students.

One of our initiatives that deserves a special mention is the organisation of excursions to the sorting centre operated by Správca zálohového systému in Kočovce. These attracted dozens of pupils and students from Slovak schools, giving them the chance to see for themselves how deposit containers is processed.

The signing of a memorandum with the Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia resulted in the implementation of the joint project "Deposit Scheme and Sorting School", the pilot of which involved more than 600 children from primary schools in Partizánske. It is now being rolled out to children in other Slovak towns and villages. In the field of environmental education, we have established cooperation with the Spievankovo music project, which has created an engaging programme focusing on the deposit scheme and sustainability.

Campaigns such as "Don't Leave Your Receipts at Home", the "Little School of Deposits", and others featuring Vratko Štupeľ – the deposit system ambassador – were run on social media to encourage regular returns of beverage containers and to inform the public about how the system works.

Cooperation with universities such as TU Zvolen, SPU Nitra and STU in Bratislava has opened up new opportunities for educating our university students on materials circularity research and support. Memoranda of cooperation with universities include selected lectures for students, the announcement of thesis topics, the support and development of students' scientific pursuits, and the offer of graduate internships and job opportunities.

And what awaits us in 2025? After three successful years of establishing the deposit return system in Slovakia and increasing the return rate on deposit beverage containers, the Slovak deposit scheme is facing a new challenge: to maintain high returns and keep Slovaks motivated to keep returning their deposit containers. The main objective of Správca zálohového systému in 2025 will therefore be to maintain the return rate of beverage containers at the level required by law. Because the experience of countries where a deposit scheme has been in operation for more than five years indicates that keeping the deposit scheme going – i.e. maintaining high returns and motivating people to stay involved – is as much a challenge as getting it up and running.

We will continue to expand the collection network, improve quality, make collection points more available, and streamline logistics.

Through collaboration with educators and education experts, we are interested in pursuing educational and informational initiatives and campaigns aimed at explaining the practical importance of the deposit scheme for our daily lives, environmental protection, and sustainability. We will also focus on expanding the public-benefit and charitable dimension of the deposit scheme, giving the public the opportunity to donate money from the deposit containers they return to a public-benefit or charitable cause.

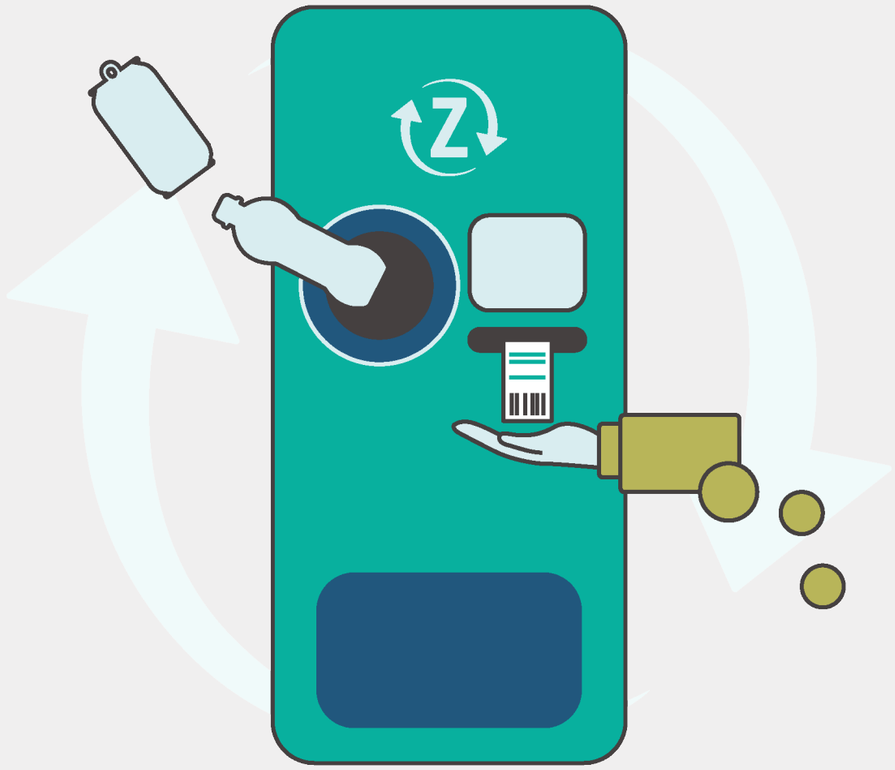
In conclusion, I would like to thank the Slovak local and central government institutions for the support and cooperation that the deposit scheme is receiving. Thanks are also due to the members of the management board and supervisory board of the deposit return system, as well as to the partners and organisations that contribute to the successful operation of the system. Most of all, I would like to thank members of the public who not only understand the deposit scheme, but also use it effectively and support it. Without this support and help, we would not be able to create and develop the success story that is the Slovak deposit scheme, to meet the legal criteria for the return rate, and to do everything possible to ensure that the environment around us is not littered with discarded drink bottles and cans. May 2025 be even more successful!

JUDr. Marián Áč

Director General
Správca zálohového systému

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DID YOU KNOW?



Deposit return schemes can increase the return rate of plastic bottles and cans to over 90%, helping to reduce litter in the environment.

The system operates on the principles of the circular economy, closing the material loop “from bottle to bottle” and “from can to can”, thereby conserving natural resources. Compared to regular recycling, collected plastic drink bottles and cans are reused specifically to manufacture new beverage containers.

All single-use plastic and metal beverage containers between 0.1 and 3 litres are subject to the deposit scheme, except for milk, milk-containing drinks, squash, and spirits.

The deposit system began with a category of beverage containers that is the most efficient for recycling and reuse. More stringent targets are set for this containers at the level of both the Slovak Republic and the European Union. It is possible that once the deposit system becomes well-established, similar systems for other plastic food containers will be developed, with the beverage sector serving as an inspiration for other areas of the food industry.

For tracking containers and monitoring its movement within the deposit return system, it is important that the reverse vending machine can recognise the shape, weight and material after reading the barcode. That is why deposit containers should be returned uncrushed, empty, and with a clearly legible barcode. The machine then crushes the containers to save space, allow for more environmentally friendly transport, and prevent potential fraud.

Unless a specific retail chain has different arrangements, a coupon for returned deposit beverage containers can only be redeemed at the place where the containers was returned. The coupon can be redeemed within the general statutory limitation period – that is, within 3 years of its issue.

Empty deposit beverage containers can be returned at any shop participating in the deposit return system that has an established collection point, regardless of where the consumer bought the containers in Slovakia or whether the shop sells that particular product.

Large retail shops with a sales area of over 300 m² are required to refund the deposit for returned plastic bottles and cans in cash.

Small grocery shops with a sales area of less than 300 m² that voluntarily participate in the collection of containers are legally exempt from this obligation.

They are not required to refund the deposit in cash, but may provide a discount on purchases instead. The discount or cash can only be redeemed at the shop where the customer returned the containers.



The deposit return system in the second half of 2024



BEVERAGE PRODUCERS AND IMPORTERS

As of 31 December 2024
SPRÁVCA RECORDED
401 **ACTIVELY INVOLVED PRODUCERS**

As of 31 December 2024
THERE WERE
5,661 **ACTIVE EAN CODES**

As of 31 December 2024
SPRÁVCA RECORDED, FOR 2024, MORE THAN
1.27 billion
DEPOSIT BEVERAGE containers UNITS
PLACED ON THE SLOVAK MARKET

SINCE THE LAUNCH OF THE DEPOSIT RETURN SYSTEM IN SLOVAKIA (1 January 2022), **PRODUCERS HAVE PLACED MORE THAN** 3.5 BILLION **PIECES OF SINGLE USE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS ON THE MARKET (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024).**

Beverage producers using plastic bottles and cans are undeniably a key part of the deposit ecosystem. On the one hand, their responsible behaviour supports the circular economy and the circulation of materials in a closed loop, and on the other hand, their fees form a crucial part of the financing of the system.

Effective cooperation with Správca zálohového systému is important for efficient cooperation and to support the environmentally responsible attitude of producers. This includes not only standard care for the producer as a partner, but also the constant effort to optimise, improve, and innovate processes related to the operation of the system.

To make it easier for producers to meet their obligations, as of 1 June 2024, the deadline for submitting a producer's report on the quantity of deposit containers placed on the Slovak market for the previous month was changed from the 6th to the 10th calendar day of each calendar month.

As of 1 February 2024, the administrative registration fee for producers was reduced from the original €200 to €100, while the entry fee remains uniformly set for all producers. In addition, as of 1 June 2024, the due dates for the entry fee, administrative fee, and the special registration surcharge were aligned with the due date for the fee covering the collection and processing of waste from deposit containers and the deposit itself.

To protect the functionality of the system and maintain a flexible environment for producers, the procedure for notifying changes or modifications to the shape, material composition, or dimensions of deposit containers was clarified.

The year 2024 also brought a new obligation, effective from 3 July 2024, requiring producers to ensure that caps are firmly attached to plastic bottles. Since such changes to cap attachment can affect the registered dimensions of a plastic bottle, Správca introduced a dedicated process for managing updates related to firmly attached caps. It is essential that the data of the registered containers matches the parameters of the containers being inserted into the machine, so as to avoid rejection.

As part of optimising producer fees, as of 1 January 2025, the fee for the collection and processing of waste from deposit containers marked with an international (I-EAN) code has been reduced.

The termination of the validity of deactivated products within the deposit return system is a specific topic requiring continuous attention. This is important both for protecting producers who are naturally withdrawing specific products from the Slovak market, and for ensuring smooth returns of deposit containers at collection points. In this context, in the second half of the year Správca specified the procedure for terminating the validity of products in the deposit system.

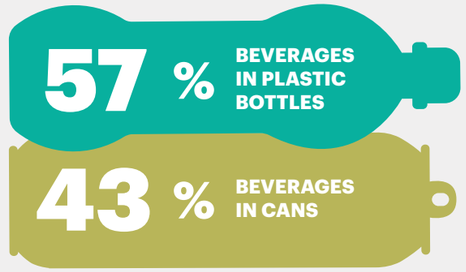
The importance of ensuring smooth producer operations within the deposit return system highlights the need for the automation and digitalisation of individual processes. Správca intends to pursue this direction in 2025 to provide beverage producers with effective support in meeting their extended producer responsibilities.

From the registered EAN codes in 2024, the following were recorded:

56.5%
national EAN codes

43.5%
international EAN codes

Of the containers placed on the market in 2024:





Share of beverage types placed on the market in 2024:

26%	PACKAGED WATER
9%	ENERGY DRINKS
33%	SOFT DRINKS
0.5%	OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
2%	FRUIT JUICES
29%	BEER
0.5%	WINE

In 2024, producers placed more than 1, 27 billion deposit beverage containers units on the Slovak market. As part of the verification process for registered deposit containers, Správca processed almost 11,000 beverage containers samples.

The figures provided are approximate and derived from preliminary estimates of containers placed on the market. Final figures will be specified in the next report.

RETAILERS AND COLLECTING POINTS

As of 31 December 2024

372

ACTIVELY INVOLVED DISTRIBUTORS

NUMBER OF COLLECTION POINTS
as of 31 December 2024

3,435

Growth in the number of collection points by year:

2021	**2,000**
2022	**2,993**
2023	**3,269**
2024	**3,435**

VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING

65 %

COLLECTION POINTS WITH **AUTOMATED COLLECTION**

72 %

MANDATORILY PARTICIPATING

35 %

COLLECTION POINTS WITH **MANUAL COLLECTION**

28 %

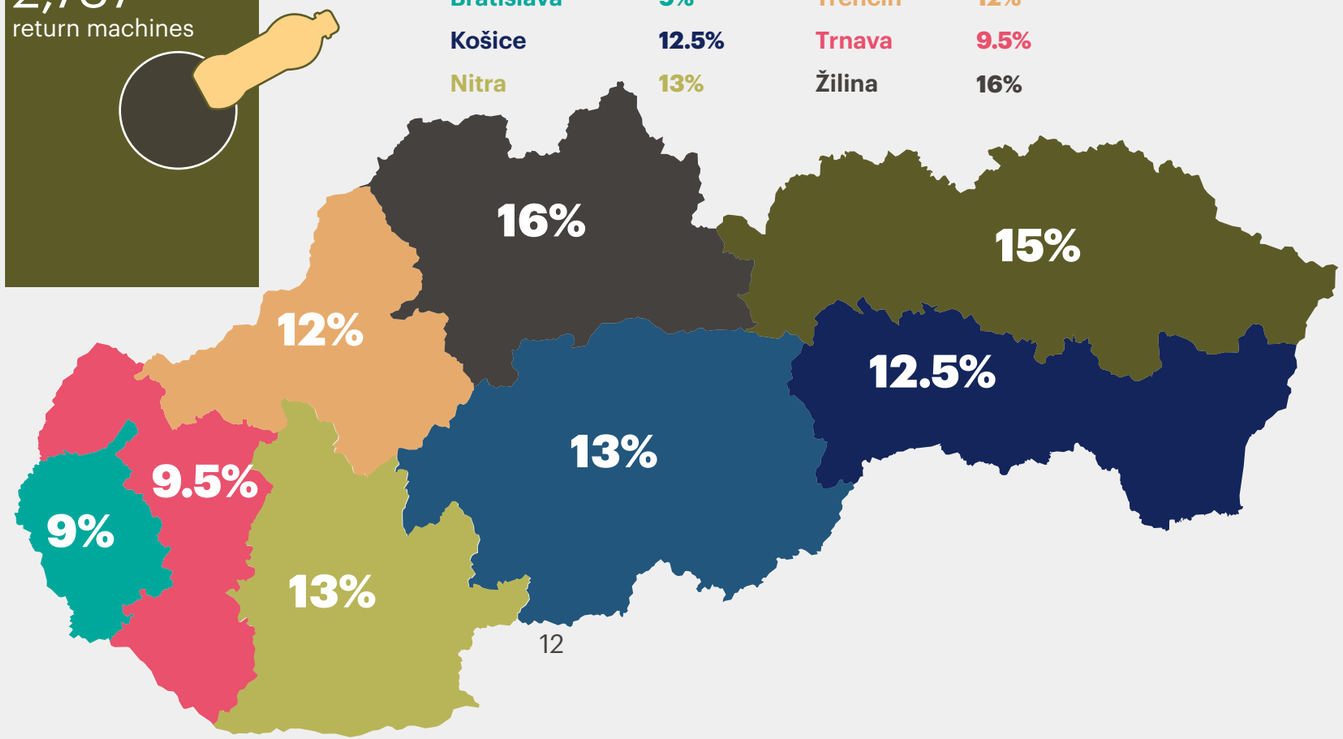
As of 31 December 2024 the collection network has

2,737

return machines

Share of collection points by region:

Banská Bystrica	13%	Prešov	15%
Bratislava	9%	Trenčín	12%
Košice	12.5%	Trnava	9.5%
Nitra	13%	Žilina	16%



By the end of 2024, Správca, in cooperation with retailers, had established the possibility of returning deposit beverage containers at 3,435 collection points. In the second half of 2024, 125 new collection points were added. In total, 264 collection points were registered in 2024. In the second half of the year, the OMV petrol stations also joined the voluntary collection scheme. There are now two collection points of this type.



The year 2024 mainly brought improvements in logistics processes. The collection of returned deposit containers from collection points by Správca is crucial for ensuring the smooth return of containers by consumers. At the same time, it is an important factor in the efficient operation of the collection network.

Správca introduced fixed collection days, individually set for each collection point depending on the volume of collected material and the season.

To make the transport of containers more environmentally friendly, a system of bag-fill standards for automated collection was developed. Specific values are set for each type of reverse vending machine, indicating how many items should be in each bag to cover the cost of this consumable material by Správca. This step not only promotes a more responsible approach to avoiding unnecessary waste, but also makes the collection planning more efficient. Ultimately, this results in fewer kilometres driven.

Cooperation with retailers is also essential to getting consumers involved in the deposit scheme. Správca strives to support smaller shops in order to expand the collection network into areas – particularly in smaller towns and villages – where consumers do not have nearby access to a return point. However, it is important to note that the legal obligation to participate in the deposit beverage containers collection scheme only applies to retailers with a sales area larger than 300 m². In more remote areas, smaller shops are more common, and these can only be encouraged to participate voluntarily, rather than be forced to do so. For such retailers, the option of collecting returned deposit plastic bottles and cans using a hand-held scanner was introduced in the very first year of the scheme. Správca arranges for the one-off payment of such a scanner.

The quality of a collection point is key, not only from the consumer's perspective, where it reflects the reputation of the shop, but also for the functioning of the system as a whole. This requires care not only for the physical collection point itself, but also for well-defined in-shop procedures. Out-of-order or poorly maintained machines, or collection points in an unpleasant setting, may discourage consumers from returning their bottles and cans. A survey conducted by 2muse also confirmed that consumers naturally tend to shop where they can return empty containers. This means that repeated bad experiences may lead them to change their shopping habits and stop frequenting a given shop altogether.

To help draw attention to the importance of high-quality collection points, Správca has recently produced a guide for retailers and their staff, offering recommendations on how to maintain a collection point. This guide not only emphasises the importance of following proper deposit procedures, but also highlights the need for the regular cleaning of machines – for example, sticky sensors may prevent consumers from successfully returning empty containers. Cleanliness and maintenance of collection points are therefore essential.

Správca continues to see the need for further automation in the registration process and care for registered partners within the deposit return system. Streamlining the system remains a high priority, and ongoing cooperation with distributors is key to the scheme's success.



Collection points can also be established in places other than grocery shops. Since its launch, Správca has been actively seeking alternative collection solutions to make it easier for consumers to return deposit plastic drink bottles and cans. Unlike a standard collection point, no deposit is refunded to the consumer at an alternative collection point. Such points may be located in high-footfall areas where a greater accumulation of deposit containers is expected and where the items can be returned into the system, but without the consumer receiving a refund. This type of return is suitable for charitable collections.



RESTAURANTS, SNACK BARS, OTHER CATERING FACILITIES



VENDING COMPANIES



WATER PARKS, SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS



LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS, HOSPITALS, CULTURAL MONUMENTS



HOTELS, OTHER ACCOMMODATION



SPORTS CENTRES, EVENTS



COMPANIES OFFERING HYDRATION FOR STAFF



FESTIVALS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

ALTERNATIVE COLLECTING POINTS

In order to more thoroughly cover the needs of the Slovak population, Správca is looking for solutions other than returning empty beverage containers to retail outlets. Therefore, in 2024, it intensified its efforts to create alternative collection points, such as at sports and cultural events, festivals, near cultural monuments, in schools, kindergartens, in workplaces where fluid intake schemes are in place for employees, swimming pools, and even in hospitals.

Alternative collection points are categorised as either year-round or seasonal (for example, festivals that collect deposit containers only for a limited time). The options available for setting up containers collection vary, and Správca's approach is always tailored within the scope of procedural parameters.

In cooperation with the National Parks, in 2024 the Manager installed four additional collection bins on busy hiking trails. A collection point at the highest altitude in Slovakia was created at Kráľova hoľa in the Low Tatrasd. Last year's summer season also introduced many pilot projects, such as a deposit scheme at Bratislava swimming pools in cooperation with the Bratislava Physical Education and Recreational Facilities Administration (STaRZ), and deposit schemes at cultural monuments such as Beckov Castle.

In 2024, the deposit scheme was also adopted by the Baloo Charity organisation, which supports children in developing countries using funds raised from donated deposit plastic bottles and cans.

Overall, more than 50 alternative collection points are part of the network, collecting empty deposit beverage containers year-round and helping to return these items into the system for the production of new ones. They thus contribute not only to a cleaner environment, but also to the conservation of natural resources.

In 2024, nearly 700,000 deposit beverage containers units were collected at year-round accessible alternative return points.





The seasonal collection of deposit plastic bottles and cans takes place primarily at events. During the festival season, we introduced an innovative system of mobile patrols for the convenient collection of empty containers from visitors to several well-known Slovak summer festivals. At selected festivals, visitors could exchange returned deposit beverage containers for attractive prizes.

In 2024, the following entities participated in the deposit system:

- Clarion Congress Hotel Bratislava
- Aldea Club
- Municipality of Čachtice
- Beckov Castle
- Cambridge International School
- 2024 Junior Ball Hockey World Championships
- Casíno Banco Košice
- Adeli Medical Center
- MAYSER Slovakia – hydration scheme
- MAURIS – hydration scheme
- IKEA – hydration scheme
- STaRZ – Bratislava swimming pools (Delfín, Tehelné Pole, Rosnička, Lamač, Rača, Krasňany, Zlaté piesky, and Mičurín)
- NAPANT Demänovská dolina
- NAPANT Kráľova hoľa
- Slovak Paradise National Park – Dobšinská Ice Cave car park
- Poloniny National Park – Nová Sedlica – Grófske chyžky
- World Cup Jasná
- Dobrý trh in Bratislava
- ČSOB Bratislava Marathon
- Old Town Festival 2024 in Žilina
- Birell BikeFest 2024 in Kálnica
- Summer Vegan Feast Bratislava 2024
- Vrbovské vetry
- Huncútko Festival
- Pohoda Festival
- AC/DC concert
- Atmosféra Festival
- Grape Festival
- Uprising Festival
- Lovestream Festival
- Miro Jaroš Disco Tour
- Spievankovo Tour – Flying to You
- SKALY Festival
- PUNKS FOR CHILDREN
- Žilina Triathlon 2024
- 2024 Junior Ball Hockey World Championships
- Christmas markets in Bratislava

Thanks to the organisers involved, nearly 70,000 deposit plastic bottles and cans were collected at festivals and other events in 2024.

Správca would like to thank all participating partners, whose engagement contributes to a cleaner environment and greater public environmental awareness. Locations interested in collecting deposit beverage containers as an alternative collection point can simply get in touch via the contact form at https://slovenskozalohuje.sk/kontakt/ and the Správca team will be happy to offer advice and support.

For more information on alternative collection points, see https://slovenskozalohuje.sk/alternativny-odber/.

THE DEPOSIT SCHEME DURING THE SUMMER AND TOURIST SEASON

The summer months naturally see an increased need for hydration. It is therefore vital to cultivate environmental awareness among the Slovak population, teaching people how to behave in an environmentally responsible way during all types of summer activities.

The deposit return system is an effective tool in the fight against littering. That is why Správca continues to focus on expanding the network of collection points and developing alternative return solutions for deposit containers. This step is a key measure to alleviate the problem of littering.

In 2024, Správca focused on raising public awareness about how to collect deposit containers through positive examples of participating alternative collection points – for instance, at festivals, cultural, sports and social events, or when visiting heritage sites, swimming pools, and national parks.

In 2023, Správca, in cooperation with the national park administrations, installed 13 special bins in 7 national parks.

In 2024, Správca worked with selected park authorities to identify a further four sites, where additional special bins were placed.

Visitors to national parks can now dispose of deposit plastic drink bottles or cans in these bins at a total of 17 locations across 7 national parks. By donating the deposit, they contribute not only to a cleaner environment and the protection of the national park, but also directly support the park itself.

Locations added in 2024 can be found in **Slovak Paradise National Park – the car park at Dobšinská Ice Cave, in Poloniny National Park – the Grófske chyžky area, and in Low Tatras National Park – the summit of Kráľova hoľa and the car park at Demänovská dolina.**

The bins are placed in strategic spots identified by the national park authorities as high-traffic visitor areas. Deposit containers can thus be easily returned to the system by simply dropping it into the bin, contributing to the cleanliness of our environment.

Thanks to this initiative,

almost 13,000 plastic drink bottles and cans were collected in national parks last year.

The success of the deposit return scheme relies not only on how well it functions, but also on the availability of collection points, especially during the busy summer tourist season, when drink consumption and the resulting volume of deposit containers increases significantly. Just as in the previous year, Správca focused on establishing alternative collection points in high-traffic tourist areas within our national parks, and in 2024 attention turned to cultural heritage sites as well.

Heritage sites are another type of location where drinks containers naturally accumulates, particularly in the summer months. The first to join this category as an alternative collection site was Beckov Castle, an example of environmentally responsible visitor engagement.

A new bin for deposit bottles and cans was added to the existing recycling bins at the site. Visitors can not only help reduce litter and conserve natural resources, but also contribute to the development of the castle by donating the deposit when placing containers in the bin.

Swimming is another typical summer activity, and staying hydrated is key. In the first half of 2024, Správca, in cooperation with the Bratislava Physical Education and Recreation Facilities Administration (STaRZ), launched a pilot programme drawing attention to the possibilities of collecting deposit containers at swimming pools. Special bins for collecting plastic bottles and cans were installed directly at Bratislava's pools: Delfín, Tehelné Pole, Rosnička, Lamač, Rača, Krasňany, Zlaté piesky, and Mičurín.

Visitors were able to dispose of their deposit containers directly at these pools in 2024. By donating their deposit to Bratislava's STaRZ, they not only supported the protection of the local recreational environment, but also the continued development and maintenance of leisure facilities in Bratislava.

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To continue encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour during the summer, Správca will maintain these efforts, particularly at cultural and sports events throughout the season.

Locations of special collection bins in national parks:

TANAP Hrebienok
TANAP Zverovka – Spálená car park
TANAP Tatranská Polianka
TANAP Tatranská Lomnica – TANAP Museum
NAPANT Trangoška – Chata Zázvor
NAPANT Hiadelské sedlo
NAPANT Demänovská dolina
NAPANT Kráľova hoľa
Slovak Paradise National Park – Podlesok Campsite
Slovak Paradise National Park – Dedinky Campsite
Slovak Paradise National Park – Dobšinská Ice Cave car park
Slovak Karst National Park – Zádielska chata – Bôrka
PIENAP Červený Kláštor – Pieniny
Poloniny National Park – Nová Sedlica
Poloniny National Park – Nová Sedlica – Grófske chyžky
Veľká Fatra National Park – Gaderská dolina
Veľká Fatra National Park – Martin (Park Administration HQ)

THE DEPOSIT SCHEME AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Správca views cooperation with local authorities as essential, especially in efforts to promote an environmentally responsible mindset among the public. Raising public awareness around environmental issues not only leads to a cleaner natural environment, but also contributes to a better quality of life in more pleasant urban and rural surroundings.





Cooperation with local government includes:

- Activities to promote the deposit return scheme at local and municipal level.
- Expert collaboration on educational initiatives focused on litter prevention in towns and villages and on encouraging responsible environmental behaviour.
- Joint efforts to use the deposit scheme in support of community-beneficial, charitable, and environmental projects within municipalities.
- Organisation of, and participation in joint expert events aimed at encouraging Slovak citizens to adopt more environmentally conscious consumer habits, especially in relation to the deposit scheme.
- Ongoing cooperation focused on educating children and students about the deposit return system and environmental protection.

In April 2024, Správca launched a series of school excursions to the Kočovce Sorting Centre.

In collaboration with the municipality of Kočovce, this initiative was enriched by visits to the newly established Environmental Centre in the area. This gives young people the opportunity to gain both practical and theoretical insights into the deposit return scheme and the broader waste management framework.

In June 2024, Správca zálohového systému signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia (ZMOS). To help raise awareness of the scheme and its importance for protecting the environment as effectively as possible, Správca decided to strengthen ties with ZMOS, as one of the country's most influential organisations with a direct impact on citizens' daily lives. The partnership between Správca zálohového systému and ZMOS is key to successfully involving communities across Slovakia in the scheme.

Over the summer, Správca worked closely with the municipalities of Čachtice and Skalité on projects specifically designed around the deposit return system. Collecting deposit containers in these municipalities encourages environmentally conscious behaviour while also enabling donations of beverage containers to support specific causes. These collection models also provide solutions in areas where inhabitants may not have access to regular collection points, but still care about the environment.

In October 2024, ZMOS and Správca launched a new initiative aimed at increasing awareness, promoting education, and providing practical experience of deposit returns and sorting waste in the context of a circular economy for primary school pupils. The project was piloted in Partizánske, where local primary schools and partners helped deliver an interactive educational programme called "School of Deposit Return and Sorting". Developed in collaboration with NATUR-PACK, the programme offers pupils the opportunity to deepen their understanding of both deposit returns and waste sorting within the broader concept of circularity.

In November 2024, to bring the topic of the deposit scheme even closer to local governments, Správca took part in the ZMOS Environmental Academy. During the webinar, they shared practical advice with local authority representatives on how to leverage the scheme to their benefit, along with information about key educational projects aimed at young people.

Správca intends to continue this collaboration with local authorities into 2025, with the aim of further improving the system and raising awareness of the positive impact the deposit scheme can have on the environment.



FLOW OF COLLECTED CONTAINERS



Without well-thought-out logistics, Slovakia's deposit return system could not function. From this perspective, the Kočovce Sorting Centre is a key component of the deposit scheme for beverage containers. The containers collected at various collection points across Slovakia is transported by Správca via interim warehouses to the Kočovce Sorting Centre. Správca currently operates four internal interim warehouses, two transshipment points, and one external interim warehouse.

As of 2024, Správca operated:

4 INTERNAL INTERIM in Kočovce, Nová Polhora, Žiranoch, Strečne

2 EXTERNAL TRANSSHIPMENT in Zvolen and Svit

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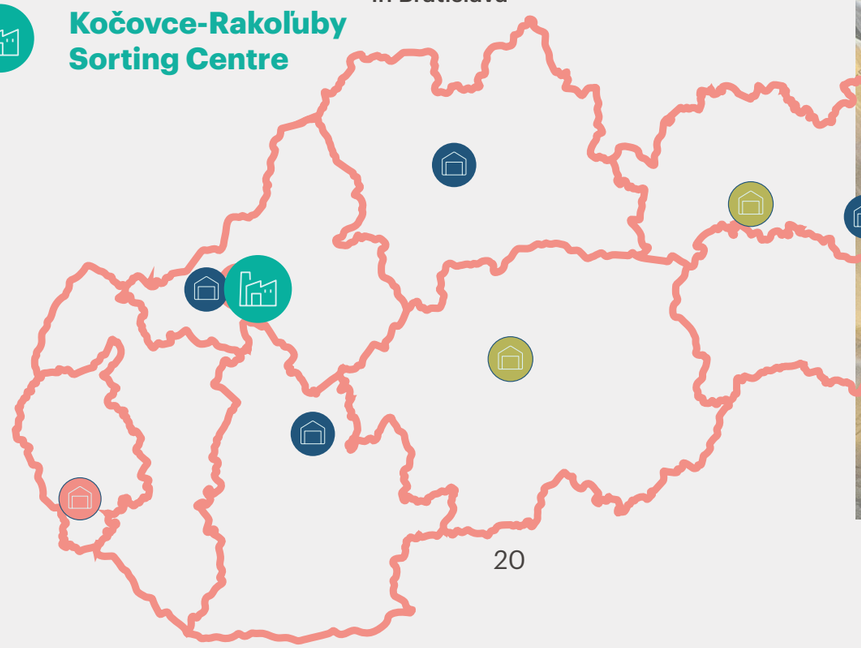




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"We have completed several major projects that have improved efficiency an increased satisfaction at collection points. We introduced standardised ba volumes, simplifying handling and work. We launched customer segmentation which allows us to better plan collection frequency and schedule visits accurately. Another major step forward was the digitalisation of logistics, fro receiving orders and route planning to monitoring indicators through Power B reports. This system has brought greater transparency and control over the entire process. We are using algorithms to find the most efficient collectio routes, minimising distance, time, and fuel costs.
Our vision is to continue building an efficient, environmentally friendly collection system while maintaining partner satisfaction. In the future, we pla to measure our environmental footprint and continue to reduce it." – Ján Franel
Logistics Director, Správca zálohového systému

In 2024, an interim warehouse was relocated from Široké to Nová Polhora. This strategic move is expected to save over 300,000 kilometres annually.

Thanks to an efficiently designed logistics system, supported by the infrastructure of interim warehouses and the Sorting Centre, the facility in Kočovce processed over 20,000 tonnes of PET material and nearly 7,000 tonnes of aluminium can material in 2024. In the second half of 2024 alone, this included approximately 10,500 tonnes of PET and over 3,800 tonnes of can material. Správca focused on upgrading conveyor systems to ensure smoother material sorting. Efforts were also made to improve the separation of can materials on the line and to optimise compactors at counting units in order to increase processing capacity.

The 2025 plan includes not only raising productivity at processing sites, but also pursuing further digitalisation of the processes, for example by introducing an interim warehouse app.



SPRÁVCA AS AN EMPLOYER



As a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, Správca zálohového systému continues to develop its organisational structure and workplace environment. The number of employees has stabilised at around 110.

In 2024, the Human Resources Department successfully ensured overall staff stability across the organisation. The focus on creating a motivating work environment and appropriate conditions is reflected in the low staff turnover, which confirms employee satisfaction and long-term loyalty.

In regions where interim warehouses are located, Správca is able to respond effectively to labour market changes, even in areas with low unemployment. Relocating some interim warehouses to newer, logistically more advantageous sites has significantly improved working conditions at these locations, contributing to higher employee satisfaction and productivity.

Správca's main goal remains maintaining this standard while continually improving and streamlining HR processes and supporting a workplace culture that motivates staff, increases engagement, and helps employees fully develop their potential.

EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND SHARING EXPERIENCES WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



In 2024, cooperation with countries that already operate deposit return systems focused strongly on sharing experiences that can improve the Slovak system. This collaboration not only helps fine-tune systems that meet targets in their respective countries, but also contributes to a cleaner environment and a better quality of life. The concept of cooperation thus takes on a broader, socially responsible meaning.

On 1 January 2024, Hungary launched its own deposit scheme. Ireland followed suit in February.

In 2024, representatives of deposit scheme administrators from across Europe gathered in Romania, which launched its own scheme at the end of November 2023. The meeting was primarily aimed at the useful exchange of information.

Countries with established deposit return systems agreed to create an official association to strengthen collaboration and serve as a platform for international cooperation. As a result, European deposit scheme administrators decided to found the European Deposit Return Systems Association, with Marián Áč, director general of Správca, serving as its first president.

The aim is not only to support existing systems, but to promote the broader circular economy. This also includes helping countries that are planning to introduce such schemes.

Slovakia is well aware of its environmental and socially responsible role at an international level and therefore continues to provide support to countries in need.
In addition to sharing its own deposit scheme experience and know-how with multiple European countries, regardless of whether they already operate deposit schemes or are preparing to do so, Slovakia also worked intensively in the first half of the year to help establish an international lobby group for deposit return system administrators.

This effort culminated in a successful agreement to found the European Deposit Return Systems Association, with its headquarters in Bratislava and its first president being Marián Áč, director of Správca – a major endorsement of Slovakia's contribution to the deposit scheme sector. It also reflects the respect that Slovakia's deposit scheme has gained among its European partners in the short time since its launch in 2022, and the effective diplomatic efforts of Správca zálohového systému, its employees and collaborators. The association, which will begin operating in 2025, aims to foster closer cooperation among its members, promote the exchange of information and knowledge about the deposit scheme, encourage public discussion on the topic, and contribute to its more effective regulation.

Foreign visitors welcomed by Správca in 2024:

- DEFRA UK (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs)
- Canpack Heineken
- Envipco
- Coca-Cola
- Nestlé Waters
- Polish deposit scheme operator Kaucja
- Knjaz Miloš – Mattoni

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

To achieve the objectives of the deposit return scheme and its positive environmental impact, it is essential to maintain continuous public awareness of the scheme itself. Experience from countries where deposit return systems for beverage containers have been established for longer also shows that people need to be regularly motivated.

In 2024, the key goal was to maintain brand recognition for Slovensko zálohuje (Slovakia Deposits) and to associate it closely with the deposit scheme itself.

A particularly important focus was on motivating and educating younger generations. This objective was supported by the deposit scheme ambassador, Vratko Štupeľ. Through various channels, Správca consistently communicated the benefits of the deposit return scheme, explained how it works, and its impact on our lives and the environment. Thanks to seasonal campaigns, the message was especially visible during periods of increased beverage consumption, reinforcing the idea of the deposit scheme as a natural part of summer and other seasonal activities. Targeted communication encouraged people in Slovakia to return their containers regularly and claim their deposit refunds.

In the first half of 2024, Správca shifted from large-scale, above-the-line campaigns to more people-focused, thematic communication. The key thematic pillars were how the deposit scheme works, its impact on the environment, and its role in society. The aim was to inform Slovak inhabitants about ongoing activities, motivate them, explain the principles of the deposit scheme, and demonstrate that the system works in practice.

By supporting the deposit scheme at sports events, cultural events, festivals, and at other alternative collection points, and by actively promoting collaboration, Správca showed not only the general public, but also local authorities and event organisers, how the deposit scheme can be integrated into any activity or location where deposit beverage containers is naturally found. In this way, public awareness is maintained, while experts and the wider public gradually come to see the deposit scheme as a natural part of environmentally responsible behaviour.

To reflect increased beverage consumption, communication efforts were intensified during Easter, the summer holidays, and the Christmas period, with the aim of reminding the public about the importance of an ecological and responsible approach to the environment.

From October to the end of the year, efforts focused on encouraging the use of coupons from returned containers in shops through the campaign "Don't Leave Your Receipts at Home". In cooperation with retailers, Správca actively promoted not only the return of plastic drink bottles and cans to collection points, but also the redemption of coupons for returned containers in shops.

In partnership with the public broadcaster STVR, Správca produced a series of short documentaries for the environmental programme Na zelenej adrese. As part of the show's mission to encourage environmental awareness, ten episodes aired in 2024, explaining the operation of the deposit scheme and more.

Správca also created a video series entitled The Little School of Deposits, which explains various aspects of the deposit return scheme. There is an ongoing effort to find attractive ways of communicating practical information about the system, ensuring transparent communication of data, explaining the operations of the non-governmental, non-profit Správca zálohového systému, the role of producers and retailers in the scheme, and other topics.

Strong communication relies on high-quality platforms. To that end, a new website was launched. The domains spravcazaloh.sk and slovenskozalohuje.sk were merged under slovenskozalohuje.sk, and the website underwent a complete redesign and restructuring.

In terms of inclusiveness, Správca constantly considers the needs of national minorities. In this regard, multilingual posters were prepared for visitors to national parks.

Work also continues to make the deposit scheme more accessible to people with disabilities. Currently, efforts are focused on blind and visually impaired consumers, with a manual for returning containers set to launch in the first half of 2025. Website adjustments are also planned to meet accessibility standards for this marginalised group.



95%

of the population participates in the deposit system

94%

understanding of the system



Among younger people, the motivation to participate in the deposit system is mainly driven by the financial aspect

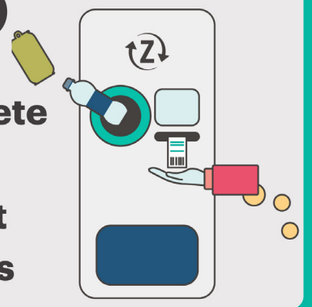


Among older people, the motivation to participate in the deposit system is mainly driven by the environmental aspect



62%

of Slovaks complete their visit to a collection point within 5 minutes



The survey shows improvements in the functionality and accessibility of collection points



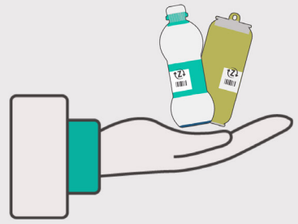
How the Deposit System Performed in 2024

80%

of Slovaks can reach the nearest collection point within 15 minutes



83%



are interested in returning deposit containers

43%

of exported containers remain abroad.





We understand the need to protect the environment

EDUCATION

In 2024, Správca continued its efforts to seize every suitable opportunity to educate the public about the deposit scheme in Slovakia, to spread information on this topic, and to systematically tailor that information to different age and knowledge groups. At the same time, it placed great emphasis on direct contact with these groups, cooperation with schools, and support for the educational process.

Educating about the deposit scheme is not only a legal obligation for Správca, but also part of its commitment to contributing – through the deposit scheme – to developing the abilities of pupils and students, broadening their horizons, and preparing them to be responsible stewards of the country in the future. At the same time, Správca aims to promote a better environment around us. Understanding the deposit return system, the values on which it is based, its objectives, how it works, its international context, and the information shared in the public domain helps not only in achieving the legal targets of the deposit scheme but also in building an informed and responsible society.





Preschool children

In 2024, we continued working with projects aimed at the youngest children.

Collaboration with the popular children's singer Miro Jaroš formed part of Správca's educational activities again this year. The concept, DISKO – A Tour for the Whole Family, introduced children to the basics of the deposit scheme in a playful manner and remains popular with parents of preschool-aged children.

In cooperation with Spievankovo, Správca also took part in a nationwide tour in Slovakia called Flying to You, focused on saving our planet. The youngest audiences learned in a fun way how to care for the environment around them, how to recycle, how to create new things from old ones, and how to manage energy efficiently.



Primary schools

Since 2023, Správca has been working with the organisation NATUR-PACK on presenting the deposit scheme. NATUR-PACK has, for five years now, been educating children and young people about waste sorting, prevention, and the deposit scheme as part of the Recycling Yard project.

Over the past year, Správca took this collaboration to the next level. In cooperation with NATUR-PACK and with the strong support of the Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia (ZMOS), a programme for primary schools was launched under the name School of Deposits and Sorting. This programme, intended for primary school pupils, provides children with the space to understand the deposit scheme, waste sorting, the circular economy, and their environmental impact. The programme also includes an online quiz about deposits and sorting. Pupils thus have the opportunity to learn more about the deposit scheme and waste sorting and contribute to the cleanliness of our towns and villages. The programme was first introduced to pupils in the town of Partizánske and continued in 2024 in Zvolen, Galanta, Trebišov and other towns.



At the sorting centre in Kočovce, Správca launched a project of educational excursions for primary school pupils. The aim is to familiarise them with the deposit scheme, the circular economy, and environmental protection, and to give them a first-hand look at the operation of one of the key components of the deposit return system. Schools from Kočovce and Trenčín participated in these excursions.



Secondary schools

As part of its educational mission, Správca also continued its partnership and expert sponsorship of the eco-musical Waste is Treasure last year. The musical includes a range of activities supporting sustainable environmental development in Slovakia. The goal of this collaboration is to explain the impact our behaviour towards waste management has on life, particularly in relation to ecology, natural resources, the economy, and health. Správca seeks to contribute to building a stronger relationship between people and the environment, and to reinforce the belief that responsible behaviour and waste prevention play a key role in its protection. In the second half of 2024, Správca took part in the EKO Fest event in Trnava as part of the programme. Through the musical, children explored not only the world of music, but also that of the deposit scheme.

In 2024, Správca began preparing methodological materials and worksheets on the deposit scheme for secondary school teachers and students. These materials will be introduced in the first half of 2025. The aim is to make it easier for teachers to prepare lessons across various subjects and to give students a better understanding of the deposit scheme, its goals, values, and broader meaning, with a multidisciplinary reach.





Universities

In 2023, Správca entered into a scientific cooperation agreement with the university in Zvolen and signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. These activities are ongoing, and efforts to cooperate with higher education institutions continue, not only through lectures and the provision of valuable information, but also in research, consultancy, and support for specific projects.

In 2024, Správca concluded scientific and professional cooperation agreements with the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra and the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, and signed Memoranda of Cooperation. At the end of 2024, it also signed a contract with STU to support a research project. The main aim of this joint effort is to study the properties of beverage containers materials. In addition, Správca is striving to contribute to the development of Slovak scientific and research capacity in the field of the deposit scheme for beverage containers – its optimisation, the processing of collected material, and innovation.
It does not simply copy the procedures and projects of European countries that have had deposit schemes in place for much longer than Slovakia. Inspired by their experiences, Správca aims to support the creation of local capacity and to catch up with the lead more experienced deposit return systems have built over the years through investment.

Encouragingly, the first original contributions from Slovak academics and researchers on the topic of single-use containers deposit schemes are being cited in international publications. The goal is to see more such contributions, and for Slovakia's deposit system to strengthen the international voice and reputation of Slovak science, research, and deposit return practices.

In 2024, Správca presented the deposit scheme at the following webinars and conferences:

- ENVIRO 2024 Environmental Conference, Štrbské Pleso
- Exhibition opening, Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, Prague
- Containers Waste & Sustainability Forum, Brussels
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY 2024 Conference, Bratislava
- European Aluminium's Containers & Recycling Seminar 2024
- Package Meeting – Waste (Ministry of the Environment/European Commission)
- Containers Waste and Sustainability Forum
- Logistic Ride
- Slovak Environmental Agency Workshop
- Online presentation – Czech Industrial Association for Containers and the Environment
- Coca-Cola Annual Stakeholder Forum
- DRS Bulgaria webinar
- Slovlog



PURSUIT OF RETURN RATE TARGETS

BY THE END OF 2024
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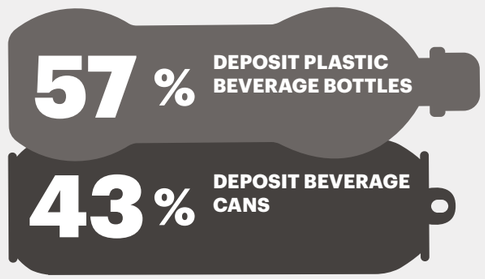
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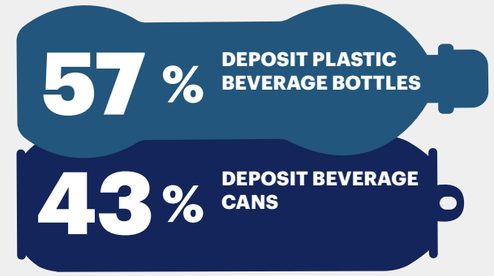
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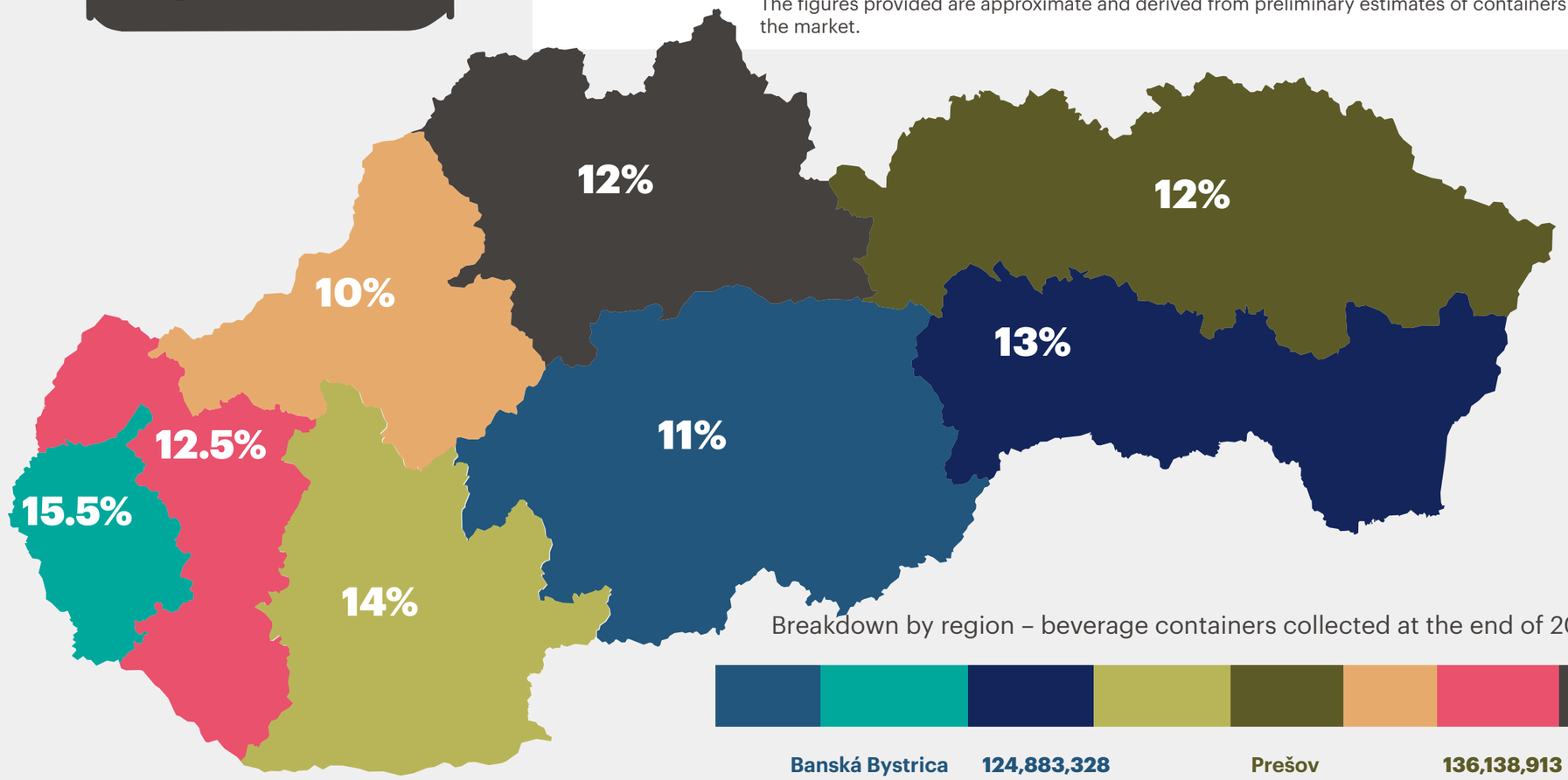


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DEPOSIT SCHEME CHALLENGES FOR 2025

After three successful years of establishing the deposit return system in Slovakia and increasing the return rate on deposit beverage containers, the Slovak deposit scheme is facing a new challenge: to maintain high returns and keep Slovaks motivated to keep returning their deposit containers. The main objective of Správca zálohového systému in 2025 will therefore be to maintain the return rate of beverage containers at the level required by law. Because the experience of countries where a deposit scheme has been in operation for more than five years indicates that keeping the deposit scheme going – i.e. maintaining high returns and motivating people to stay involved – is as much a challenge as getting it up and running.

Logistics efficiency and infrastructure remain key challenges, especially regarding the environmental impact and overall system costs. It is also essential that collection frequencies and configurations can adequately match the volumes collected at different collection points.

This includes the smooth operation of material handling at interim warehouses and the Sorting Centre. Správca continues to seek solutions to modernise and improve this area.

Significant efforts will also be devoted to raising awareness of the deposit scheme among the general public and local authorities. Towns and villages need to know how to fully harness the opportunities the deposit scheme offers. Together with local authorities, Správca aims to demonstrate to the public that deposits can be used in many ways, including supporting local municipal projects and initiatives.

In 2025, a wide range of educational activities will continue. Through collaboration with educators and education experts, we are interested in pursuing educational and informational initiatives and campaigns aimed at explaining the practical importance of the deposit scheme for our daily lives, environmental protection, and sustainability.

We will also focus on expanding the public-benefit and charitable dimension of the deposit scheme, giving the public the opportunity to donate money from the deposit containers they return to a public-benefit or charitable cause.

Despite these positive developments, illegal handling of deposit containers remains an important issue. Správca is actively addressing this, doing everything possible to prevent individuals or groups from gaining unfair advantage by abusing the system and breaking the law at the expense of honest customers, producers, and retailers. Encouragingly, thanks to the measures introduced and the launch of systems in neighbouring countries, there has been a positive trend in tackling fraud. Správca plans to continue addressing this issue in 2025.

An undeniably crucial challenge for 2025 is the quality and coverage of the collection network. For deposit scheme partners, it is also vital that the system operates efficiently and conveniently. This includes improving and digitalising processes.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE DEPOSIT RETURN SYSTEM

FOR BOTTLE AND CANS?

The Deposit return system helps combat littered deposit plastic bottles and deposit cans in nature.

MATERIAL CIRCULARITY

The deposit system follows the principle of the circular economy, closing the material loop "bottle to bottle" and "can to can," thereby conserving natural resources.



1 **THANKS TO THE DEPOSIT SYSTEM, WE COLLECT MORE MATERIAL OF HIGHER QUALITY FOR RECYCLING.**



2 **BY USING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY, THE MATERIAL IS REUSED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO MAKE NEW BOTTLES AND CANS.**



3 **BY REPEATEDLY USING MATERIAL ALREADY IN CIRCULATION, WE SAVE NATURAL RESOURCES.**



4 **THE DEPOSIT RETURN SYSTEM HELPS FIGHT LITTER, PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.**

Financial and non-financial information for 2024

FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL

Správca zálohového systému n. o. made a profit of EUR 6.2 million in 2024. As at 31 December 2024, Správca had created reserves to cover unpaid deposits and liabilities for future years.

In 2024, Správca continued to invest, primarily in developing the information system and the technical equipment of interim warehouses and transshipment points.

All activities carried out by Správca zálohového systému n. o. in 2024 were related to its core mission. Správca did not engage in any other commercial or economic activities during 2024.

Total expenses in 2024 were EUR 56.4 million Breakdown:

- Other services: EUR 39.2 million
- Material consumption: EUR 10.0 million
- Personnel costs: EUR 3.9 million
- Depreciation: EUR 1.2 million
- Other expenses: EUR 2.1 million

Total revenue in 2024 was EUR 62.6 million Breakdown:

- Specific revenues: EUR 17.6 million
- Sales of own products: EUR 16.7 million
- Donations received: EUR 6.6 million
- Service revenue: EUR 21.3 million

The total net assets as at 31 December 2024 were EUR 30 million Breakdown:

- Intangible fixed assets: EUR 0.7 million
- Tangible fixed assets: EUR 4.4 million
- Inventories: EUR 0.7 million
- Short-term receivables: EUR 22.1 million

Total liabilities as at 31 December 2024 were EUR 30 million Breakdown:

- Equity: EUR 2.6 million
- Reserves: EUR 12 million
- Short-term liabilities: EUR 15.3 million

More detailed data on income, expenses, assets, and liabilities can be found in the financial statements.

An overview of income (revenues) broken down by source, as well as the balance and movements of assets and liabilities, is provided in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Details of cash income and expenditures are presented in a separate annex to the Annual Report – the Statement of Cash Flows (in €).

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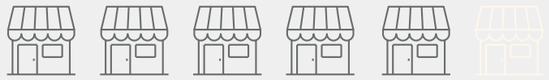
As of 31 December 2024

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ACTIVELY INVOLVED DISTRIBUTORS

NUMBER OF COLLECTION POINTS as of 31 December 2024

3,435



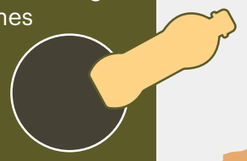
Growth in the number of collection points by year:

2021	**2,000**
2022	**2,993**
2023	**3,269**
2024	**3,435**

As of 31 December 2024 the collection network has

2,737

reverse vending machines



VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING

65 %

COLLECTION POINTS WITH **AUTOMATED COLLECTION**

72 %

MANDATORILY PARTICIPATING

35 %

COLLECTION POINTS WITH **MANUAL COLLECTION**

28 %

Share of collection points by region:

Banská Bystrica	13%	Prešov	15%
Bratislava	9%	Trenčín	12%
Košice	12.5%	Trnava	9.5%
Nitra	13%	Žilina	16%

As of 31 December 2024
SPRÁVCA RECORDED

401 **ACTIVELY INVOLVED PRODUCERS**

As of 31 December 2024
THERE WERE

5,661 **ACTIVE EAN**

As of 31 December 2024
SPRÁVCA RECORDED, FOR 2024, MORE THAN

1.27 billion

DEPOSIT BEVERAGE containers UNITS PLACED ON THE SLOVAK MARKET

From the registered EAN codes in 2024, the following were recorded:

56.5%



national EAN codes

43.5%



international EAN codes

Of the containers placed on the market in 2024:

57 % BEVERAGES IN PLASTIC BOTTLES

43 % BEVERAGES IN CANS

Share of beverage types placed on the market in 2024:

26%	PACKAGED WATER
9%	ENERGY DRINKS
33%	SOFT DRINKS
0.5%	OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
2%	FRUIT JUICES
29%	BEER
0.5%	WINE



In 2024, producers placed more than 1, 27 billion deposit beverage containers units on the Slovak market. As part of the verification process for registered deposit containers, Správca processed almost 11,000 beverage containers samples.

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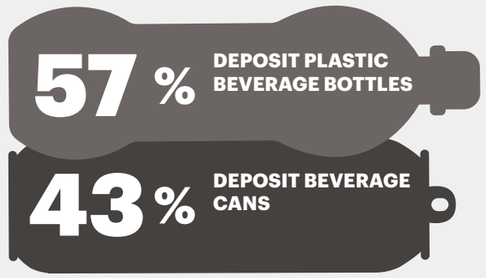
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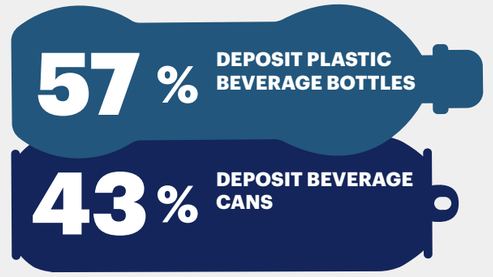
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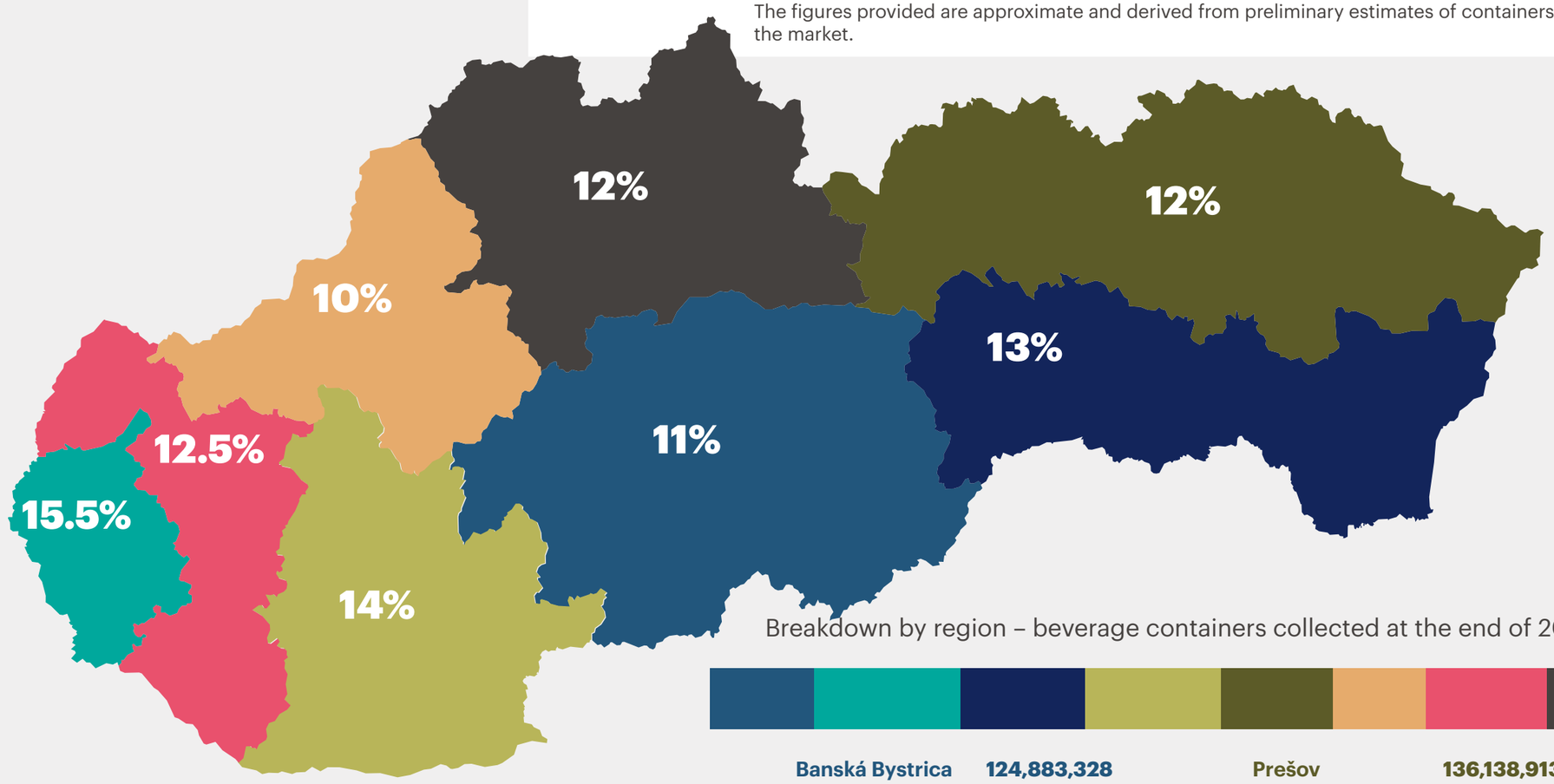


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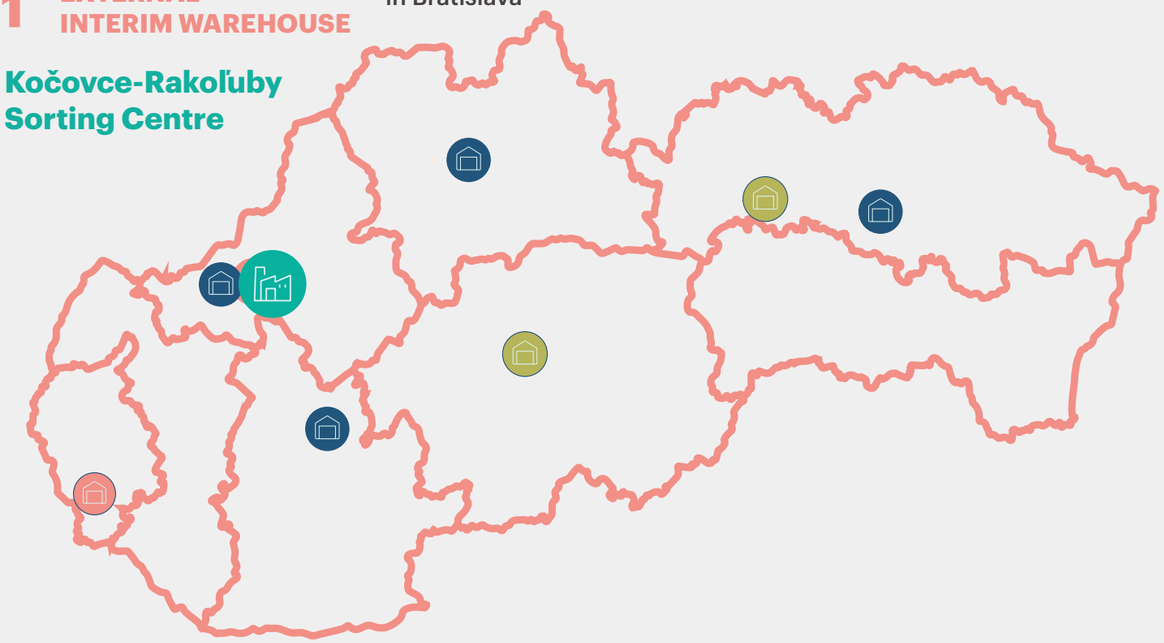
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IN 2024, THE SORTING CENTRE PROCESSED MORE THAN

20,000 tonnes

OF PET MATERIAL AND ALMOST

7,000 tonnes

OF MATERIAL FROM CANS

IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR IT WAS APPROXIMATELY

10,500 tonnes

OF PET MATERIAL AND MORE THAN

3,800 tonnes

OF MATERIAL FROM CANS

4,5 million

kilometers driven

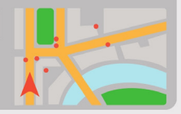


Nearly

700,000

kilometres less

compared to 2023



377,000

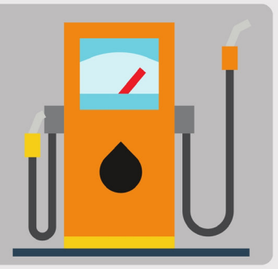


collections from retailers

150,000

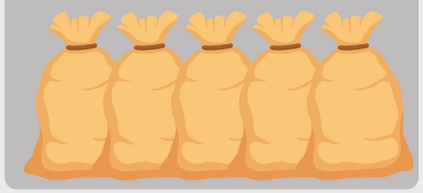
litres of diesel fuel saved

compared to 2023



2,9 million

bags collected in **2024**



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+7%

more bags collected compared to **2023**



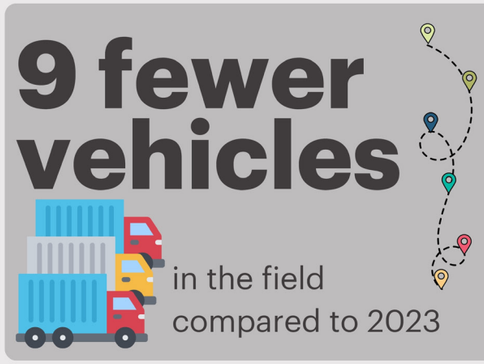
76 vehicles

per day

average number of vehicles in the field



9 fewer vehicles



in the field compared to 2023



14,3% decrease

in logistics costs compared to **2023**