



# What is a High-Performing DRS?

DRSs have operated successfully in the US and globally for decades. Reloop determined a set of principles for what makes a high-performing DRS through extensive research of DRSs from all over the world, including in countries like Norway and Germany, which routinely achieve return rates above 90%.<sup>26</sup>

The findings from Reloop's extensive and ongoing research are clear. High-performing DRSs share key policy or program elements that can be organized into three main categories:

- **Accessible and Accountable**

- **Industry Financed**

- **Well Managed and Regulated**

Each of the principles, detailed below, was used as the foundation for the cost/benefit analysis explained in Section 3. While it was not practical or possible to include all 10 principles in our analytical models, we note below how the principles relate to each component of the model, how they will be addressed in future steps, and what additional analysis may be needed to determine the practical cost implications. For additional details on the modeling conditions and relevant data refer to the Appendix.