

SALW Control

Strengthening Security and Stability through Regional Cooperation in South East Europe

In order to address the serious issue of post-conflict militarization facing the governments of South Eastern Europe (SEE) and the insecurity it fuels within the region and further afield, SEESAC has been assisting local and international stakeholders since 2002 to create a multi-pronged, holistic approach to addressing this problem.

SEESAC works towards this goal by providing national counterparts with the necessary support in terms of:

1. Coordination of Measures and Activities
2. Capacity Building
3. Resources Mobilization
4. Development of Technical Tools
5. Project Implementation
6. Research
7. Information Management

SEESAC contributes to reinforcement of SALW Control capacities and measures in South East Europe in a variety of ways. As the SEE **SALW Control Focal Point**, SEESAC facilitated a dialogue between all relevant stakeholders, avoiding duplication of efforts and ensuring timely exchange of vital information by, for instance, maintaining the Matrix of SALW Control Activities.

SEESAC also assisted the national authorities to successfully implement their work by helping them build their internal capacities through training, by providing them with a variety of tailor-made **technical tools**, such as RMDS/Gs, Awareness Support Packs and various Software, or by assisting them in raising the necessary funds. SEESAC has **raised approximately \$21.5 million** for activities that contribute to better SALW Control in SEE since 2002.

SEESAC identified and actively filled knowledge gaps through primary research – thus creating **SALW Knowledge Base** while also collecting, collating, analyzing and disseminating all SALW related knowledge to interested parties through various channels, such as the website, newsletter, and SALW Media Monitor.

In recent years, much of SEESAC's contribution has been in direct **Project Implementation Support**, through the provision of financial, administrative, management and technical advice.

Currently, SEESAC is implementing the EU Council Decision 2019/2111 maintaining the **EU Support of SEESAC Disarmament and Arms Control Activities in South East Europe**, building on the Council Decision 2016/2356, Council Decision 2013/730, Council Decision 2010/179 and the Council Decision 2002/842/CFSP which was subsequently extended and amended by the Council Decisions 2003/807/CFSP and 2004/791/CFSP. In addition to this, SEESAC is also implementing the EU Council Decision 2018/1788 for the implementation of the Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans, through which SEESAC is, among other, coordinating and monitoring the Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap implementation.

Furthermore, with the support of US State Department Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, SEESAC is implementing targeted projects aimed at enhancing the security and safety of SALW and related ammunition storage locations in Albania and Serbia.

SEESAC's activities are continuously changing to adapt to the current needs of the countries and capacities of the local governments and other stakeholders.



SEESAC receives its political and strategic guidance and key indigenous support from the Regional Steering Group on SALW

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