The information herein is extracted from the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP) (http://www.seesac.org/AVMP/) showing the main data on the reported firearm-related incidents in South East Europe covering Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova and Serbia, as collected from media reports, for the period from 1 to 31 December 2019.

As per media clippings, a total of 177 firearm-related incidents that took place in the region were recorded on the AVMP.

Almost one-fifth of firearm-related incidents in the region was committed in criminal context.

*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).
The misuse of firearms in criminal context was most frequently reported in BiH, 18 out of 41 in total.

Weapons seizures continue to be the most prevalent type of incident (71) in the SEE, in particular in Kosovo, totaling 39.
Perpetrators

Total number of perpetrators was 169, of whom 165 were men and 4 were women.*

While women accounted for 2% of the perpetrators of firearm-related incidents, they made up 24% victims.

Victims

In all incidents in December, the total number of victims was 93. In the incidents for which the sex of the victims was reported, 70 were men and 20 were women.

Twenty persons died of firearm-related incidents in December.
Outcome for Victims

*Not applicable shall refer to a) all incidents where a firearm was present but was not discharged nor used for inflicting injuries and threatening (for example, a theft of a firearm); b) all incidents where the firearm was discharged but the outcome for the victim is not specified.

Relationship between victims and perpetrators

There were no reported cases of the use of a firearm in self-defence.
Macro location of the firearm-related incidents

Almost two-thirds of firearm-related incidents were committed in the urban areas.