**Gender and SALW in South East Europe**

**Men Make up More than 95% of Firearm Owners in SEE. Women Less than 5%**

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- **66%** ALB
- **30%** BIH
- **38%** MKD
- **70%** MNE
- **42%** SRB

**Men Account for the Vast Majority of Victims in Firearm-Related Incidents**

**Firearm-Related Deaths Are Frequent Among Both Women and Men**

**Men Are More Often Perpetrators Than Victims of Firearm-Related Incidents**

**Women More Often Than Men See Firearms as a Risk or a Threat Rather Than a Means to Protect Themselves and the Family**

Men are the weapon of choice in most homicides. In fire armed-related incidents, men account for the vast majority of victims. Women are several times more often victims than perpetrators.

WOMEN ARE STILL UNDERREPRESENTED IN SALW CONTROL POLICY MAKING. They account for 14-29% of members of SALW commissions, while the share of men is from 71-86%.

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**Murder by Intimate Partner is the Most Common Form of Female Homicides**

- **64%** Albania
- **100%** Kosovo
- **84%** Montenegro
- **64%** Serbia
- **41%** FYR Macedonia

It comprises only a minor share in the total number of male homicides.

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Young men are the majority of both victims and perpetrators of firearms-related violence.

Women are still underrepresented in SALW control policy making.

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**Domestic Violence vs. Criminal Context**

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- **Criminal Context:** 67% Perpetrators, 33% Victims

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