

**1. IMPOSING CONTROL OVER THE SALE AND MANUFACTURING OF LEGAL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE MINISTRIES AND OTHER STATE AUTHORITIES AND PARTICIPANTS	TIMELINE	BUDGET ASSESSMENT	FUNDING SOURCES	KEY INDICATORS OF SUCCESS
1.1.	Developing laws and bylaws on firearms, ammunition and explosives for civilian and military use (including legal possession, deactivation, storage, manufacturing, retail, trade, transit, import-export, training, marking, non-convertible firearms, retrieval, keeping records and supervision) and their harmonisation with the UN, OSCE and EU standards;	<p>To establish a working group on the amendments to the Law on Weapons and to draft amendments to the Law and their adoption (harmonisation with the Directive (EU) 2017/853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 amending Council Directive 91/477 / EEC on the control of the acquisition and possession of weapons).</p> <p>To establish a working group working on the amendments to the Law on Armament and Military Equipment and to draft amendments to the Law and their adoption.</p> <p>To draft amendments to the Law on Marking, Investigating and Branding.</p> <p>To draft a Law on Protection and Trade in Explosive Materials.</p> <p>To draft a bylaw that will regulate in more details the technical specifications for deactivation of firearms, the form and the content of the form for marking the deactivated firearms and the form and the content of the certificate for firearms deactivation.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Justice Ministry of Economy Ministry of Finance - Customs Administration Ministry of Defence</p>	<p>2021  — 2019  2021  2019</p>	<p>Administrative financial cost   Technical assistance</p>	<p>Budget of RM  SEESAC Funds EU Funds</p>	<p><i>Established working group working on the amendment of the Law on Armament and Military Equipment</i></p> <p><i>Established working group working on the adoption of a new Law on Protection and Trade in Explosive Materials.</i></p> <p><i>Established working group working on the adoption of a Rulebook on Arms Deactivation.</i></p>
1.2.	Harmonization of the weapons categorization and the relevant legal framework, which contributes for direct operational cooperation;	Participation in developing a panoramic overview of the weapons related laws, criminal code.		2021		SEESAC/EU Technical support	

1.3.	National control over trade and manufacturing of small arms and light weapons and explosives for civilian use;	Rulebook on internal control of legal entities that deal with manufacturing of weapons and ammunition	legal entities	2019		Legal entities budget	
1.4.	National control of the import, export and transit of small arms and light weapons, as well as control of brokers in the trade in firearms, explosives for civilian use and precursors;	<p>To undertake measures and activities for connecting the border police with the firearms software;</p> <p>To carry out training for the licensing officers on risk assessment, licensing and issuance of end user certificates;</p> <p>To do risk assessment of every transfer;</p> <p>To work with the embassies' staff on issues related with the verification of the delivery and after the delivery;</p> <p>To sign after-delivery verification agreements with the relevant countries;</p> <p>To do after delivery verification;</p> <p>To carry out training on exported firearms misuse risk assessment according to the international standards;</p> <p>To prepare and publish annual reports on firearms exports as well as periodical reports that are required with the international treaties (that each country should submit);</p> <p>To identify and make tools that are necessary to make the firearms export more transparent;</p> <p>To establish supervisory mechanisms for control and sale of precursors and to report suspicious transfers;</p> <p>To make a feasibility study of the use of precursors.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Ministry of Finance-Customs Administration</p> <p>Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy</p>	2017-2021		<p>International assistance</p> <p>Budget of RM</p>	

1.5.	Improving the capacities and capabilities for SALW marking, retrieving and record keeping;	<p>To draft and implement SOP on discovering firearms, ammunition and explosives and to appoint an institution as a contact point;</p> <p>To carry out training of trainers on identifying and discovering firearms and ammunition;</p> <p>To provide the necessary technology for detecting ammunition (CartWinPro);</p> <p>The police should regularly enter data on lost and stolen firearms in the Interpol Illicit Arms Records and Tracing Management System (iARMS);</p> <p>To assess the use of Etrace;</p> <p>To fill in the regional tool for identification of firearms, ammunition and explosives based on information about all the regional and international manufacturers;</p> <p>To evaluate the marking capacities and practices during production and post-production;</p> <p>To establish a technology for post-production marking;</p> <p>Training of the staff for marking;</p> <p>Training on categorisation and establishing the characteristics of firearms.</p>	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Economy	2017-2021		International assistance Budget of RM SEESAC/ EU	
1.6.	Full integration of gender and age issues into SALW control policies and ensuring significant participation of women in SALW control;	<p>To carry out training about the gender aspects of SALW for the members of the SALW commissions and all the other institutions responsible for the implementation of the SALW control policies;</p> <p>To implement the measures envisaged in 2018 amendments to the Law on Weapons addressing the use of firearms in cases of domestic violence;</p> <p>To develop and implement preventive measures in order to address the influence of gender roles and dominant macho attitudes in stimulating demand and misuse of firearms, especially among young man.</p>	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy Partnership with the media	2021		Budget of RM UNDP SEESAC EU	

1.7.	Implementation of a new software solution for firearms registration and issuance of firearms licenses to legal entities and natural persons, as well as establishing a computerized system for registration of import, export and transit licenses and an online tracking system for the firearms on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia including the firearms warehouses of legal entities.	<p>Providing IT equipment in order to put to use the new software solution (60 computers for the Ministry of Interior, 50 scanners and 60 printers for making firearms licenses, a server for the legal entities, licenses, maintaining of the server).</p> <p>Providing training to the border police and the legal entities that are licensed for trading and manufacturing of firearms, as well as trainings at the civilian shooting ranges.</p> <p>Incorporating the new functionalities envisaged in the 2018 amendments to the Law on Weapons into the firearms software.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Finance- Customs Administration Legal entities authorised for firearms trade</p>	<p>2019</p> <p>2019</p>		<p>Budget of RM</p> <p>International assistance</p>	<p><i>Developed software</i> <i>Partial training of the MOI staff</i></p>
1.8.	Informing about the activities of the National Small Arms and Light Weapons Control Commission / Strengthening its role.	<p>Convening regular meetings of the Commission</p> <p>Submitting regular reports to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.</p> <p>Updating the web site of the Ministry of Interior in order to respond to the needs of the National Small Arms and Light Weapons Control Commission or setting up a new web site (with the help by an international organisation).</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Economy Ministry of Defence Ministry of Finance- Customs Administration</p>	<p>Every two months</p> <p>Once a year</p> <p>2021</p>		<p>Budget of RM</p> <p>International assistance</p>	<p><i>2017 Annual Report submitted to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia</i></p>

**2. COMBATING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING AND PREVENTING ARMED INCIDENTS, PROLIFERATION, DIVERSIONS AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION**

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2.1.	Monitoring and analysis of firearms, ammunition and explosives related crimes, with data segregated by gender and age;	<p>To institutionalise the methodology for data collection in all relevant institutions regarding the distribution and the consequences from firearms, ammunition and explosives, with the data segregated by sex and age.</p> <p>To carry out a training on data collection and dissemination regarding the consequences.</p> <p>To carry out training on gender segregated statistics and gender sensitive data collection.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Defence Ministry of Economy Ministry of Justice Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office Ministry of Health Academy of Judges and Public Prosecutors Ministry of Labour and Social Policy</p>	<p>2021     2021  2021</p>		Budget of RM	
2.2.	Advancing the national analytical capacities and institutionalizing the firearms data analysis;	<p>To carry out training on criminal analysis and analysis of crimes committed with firearms.</p> <p>To do a criminal analysis and analysis of crimes committed with firearms.</p> <p>To carry out training on gender analysis of data on firearms and crimes committed with firearms.</p> <p>To do periodical risk analysis and threat assessment.</p> <p>To do analysis of the needs of analysts and to increase their number in compliance with the international standards.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Justice Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office Academy of Judges and Public Prosecutors</p>	<p>2021  2021  2021  2021</p>		Budget of RM	

2.3.	Institutionalizing systematic collection of criminal justice data by law enforcement authorities (police and customs administration, prosecutor's office, courts and penitentiary-correctional institutions) / Establishing a system for collecting data in all relevant institutions regarding the consequences from the use of firearms	<p>To create inter-institutional working group (consisting of police, customs, Public Prosecutor's Office, courts, penitentiary-correctional institutions) for establishing records keeping.</p> <p>To agree on the common methodology for data collection and appointing the institution responsible for the collection.</p> <p>To establish records keeping of firearms related data;</p> <p>To submit periodical reports on the records to the national institutions and upon request to the international organisations;</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Justice Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration Public Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Macedonia Judicial Council of the Republic of Macedonia Supreme Court of the Republic of Macedonia</p>	<p>2021 2021 2021 2021</p>		Budget of RM International assistance	
2.4.	Ensuring exchange of operational and strategic information, data, intelligence, as well as evidence with Europol, Frontex, Eurojust and Interpol	<p>To develop SOP on operational and strategic exchange of information;</p> <p>To review the possibility to agree on regional mandatory exchange of data for all beneficiaries in the WB enabling improvement of the proactive investigations at national, regional and international level.</p> <p>To implement regionally agreed procedure for exchange of ballistic information.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration</p>	<p>2021 2021</p>		Budget of RM	
2.5.	Increasing the capacity of judiciary and prosecutor's office to investigate, prosecute and try firearms related crimes	<p>To develop and institutionalise practices and procedures for firearms related crimes;</p> <p>To analyse the case law on firearms related crimes</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice Public Prosecutor's Office of RM Academy of Judges and Public Prosecutors Supreme Court of the Republic of Macedonia</p>			MoJ – AJPP International assistance	

2.6.	<p>Reducing and discontinuing the arms transfer and trafficking, including internet firearms related crimes - dark web / Increasing the capacities for detection, identification and research in order to prevent trafficking in firearms, ammunition and explosives</p>	<p>To prepare and implement procedures for the detection, analysis, identification and investigation of firearms, ammunition and explosives;</p> <p>To carry out professional training (both introductory and advanced) on detection, analysis, identification and investigation of firearms, ammunition and explosives for the law enforcement authorities (border police, forensics, police and customs administration);</p> <p>Procurement of equipment necessary for detection, analysis, identification and investigation of firearms, ammunition and explosives (green border and border crossing) based on the analysis of the forces in the field and assessment of their needs in respect to equipment;</p> <p>To conduct training of police and customs officers for monitoring the dark web</p> <p>Arms Tracing - tracking weapons in the fight against illicit arms trafficking</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior Ministry of Finance- Customs Administration</p>	2017-2021		International assistance	
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2.7.	Significant increase in the number of seized pieces of firearms, ammunition and explosives / Enhanced capacities for police work based on intelligence regarding the illegal possession of firearms / SALW	<p>To collect information regarding illegal possession by open source analysis, use of informants and other regular channels for acquiring information;</p> <p>To carry out targeted operations based on developed profiles of problems related to the illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives;</p> <p>To develop and institutionalize procedures for identifying, risk profiling, detecting, information sharing and reporting on firearms, ammunition and explosives as well as appropriate training programmes;</p> <p>To conduct training for the detection of firearms, ammunition and explosives for the traffic police and the police officers investigating crimes;</p> <p>To set up a canine unit capabilities and to provide the necessary detection equipment in accordance with the identified needs;</p>	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Finance- Customs Administration	2021		Budget of RM International assistance	
2.8.	Destruction of recovered, seized and confiscated weapons, ammunition and explosives / Systematic and public destruction of all confiscated firearms, ammunition and explosives	<p>To develop SOPs for firearms destruction in compliance with the international standards including ballistic examination, retrieving and keeping records;</p> <p>To develop an operational plan for destruction activities, including a media kit;</p> <p>Periodically and publicly to destroy confiscated firearms, ammunition and explosives at licensed locations in accordance with the adopted SOPs;</p> <p>To conduct an environmental assessment of sites where destruction is performed.</p>	Agency for Management of Seized Property Ministry of Interior Protection and Rescue Directorate Ministry of Defence Ministry of Finance- Customs Administration Ministry of Justice	2021		Budget of RM SEESAC and other partners	



2.9.	Improving the manner of stock management, reducing surpluses and destroying them in an environmentally harmless manner, in accordance with IATG and / or other international standards	<p>To make regular calculations of surpluses of firearms, ammunition and explosives;</p> <p>To develop SOPs based on international standards for demilitarization and destruction;</p> <p>To conduct periodic destruction / disposal of firearms, ammunition and explosives at licensed sites for demilitarisation and disposal in accordance with the adopted SOPs;</p> <p>To conduct an environmental assessment of sites where destruction is performed;</p> <p>To conduct training in handling weapons in warehouses;</p> <p>To cut down on the number of warehouses, and upgrade some of the existing warehouses;</p> <p>To analyse the state of our repositories;</p> <p>Software, central database equipment for the weapons in the warehouses – warehouses for weapons, ammunition and explosives.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy</p>	2017-2021		International assistance	
2.10.	Establishing a national focal point for exchange of operational information about firearms in accordance with the European Union Action Plan	<p>IBASE and IBRIDGE licenses</p> <p>Training in analytics</p>	Ministry of Interior	2021		Budget of RM SEESAC	<i>Established 4 national operational contact points</i>
2.11.	Conducting actions for voluntary surrender and collection of firearms and their legalization	<p>To conduct campaigns / events on firearms legalization</p> <p>Training on campaigns for the public relations department at the Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>To cooperate with IARMS and Europol regarding the ownership of firearms and information about firearms whether they were stolen</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Ministry of Local Self-Government</p>	2019		Budget of RM International assistance	<i>Adopted amendments to the Law on Weapons published in the Official Gazette of RM No.97/18</i>

2.12.	Awareness raising about deactivation as a means of legalizing firearms in order to reduce the illicit possession of firearms	Awareness raising about deactivation within the voluntary surrender campaigns; To plan training for legal entities in the Rulebook on deactivation; Training for the commissions within the Ministry of Interior on deactivation; Expert training on deactivation and training of legal entities	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Local Self-Government	2021		Budget of RM International assistance Legal entities	
2.13.	Increasing the administrative capacities and guided activities for full re-registration within the prescribed time, as well as addressing the appropriately retrieved and inherited firearms.	To provide training and assistance to the administrative staff responsible for re-registration of firearms; To conduct awareness-raising activities regarding to the re-registration of firearms. To organise a campaign at both national and local level; To provide computer equipment, a printer and printers for licences; To develop weapon identification tools.	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Local Self-Government	2021		Budget of RM International assistance	
2.14.	Coordinated data collection activities in case of domestic violence related to the use or threat to use firearms	To review the current policies and practices and to establish measures to address the abuse of firearms in cases of domestic violence and violence against an intimate partner; To cooperate with non-governmental organizations.	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Health Ministry of Labour and Social Policy Ministry of Justice Ministry of Education and Science NGOs and other relevant public institutions that have some kind of contact with issues related to small arms and light weapons	2017-2021		International assistance	

**3. COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

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3.1.	Cooperation with relevant national, regional and international organizations / Strengthening bilateral, regional and international mechanisms	<p>To regularly contribute to the regional processes and mechanisms, to the process of the National SALW Commission, RASR, EMPACT, SEEFEN, SEEFEG, RACVIAC, RIEP, EU P2PO, SEESAC;</p> <p>To participate and contribute to the Days of Joint Action;</p> <p>To participate and contribute to the Interpol-led operations;</p> <p>To organize and participate in the TAIEX and CEPOL training courses and in the CEPOL exchange programmes;</p> <p>To make a needs assessment for the purpose of establishing joint border checkpoints and patrols;</p> <p>Cooperation with Europol, Frontex and Eurojust.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Justice – Public Prosecutor’s Office</p> <p>Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Ministry of Finance-Customs Administration</p>	2021		International assistance	
3.2.	Reporting to national, regional and international organizations	Preparing annual reports as required by the international organizations, such as UN, OSCE, EU, SEESAC.	<p>Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Economy</p> <p>Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Ministry of Justice</p>	2017-2021 continued or upon request		Budget of RM	
3.3.	Implementing and amending bilateral and international agreements	Implementing the obligations provisioned in those agreements and their monitoring	<p>Ministry of Interior</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Ministry of Finance-Customs Administration</p>	2017-2021		Budget of RM	

**4. STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES FOR FIGHTING ARMS TRAFFICKING**

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4.1.	Participation in relevant regional and international trainings	<p>Monitoring the training and sending the right personnel to trainings in order to be effective;</p> <p>Participation in trainings at specialized training centres for inspectors working on cases of illicit trafficking in firearms and ammunition (CEA, Aranjez).</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior  Ministry of Justice  Ministry of Defence  Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration  Ministry of Economy  Other relevant public institutions that have some kind of contact with issues related to small arms and light weapons</p>	2017-2021		Funds from the budget of the line ministry or donations from foreign organisations	
4.2.	Participation in regional and international conferences and seminars on topics related to small arms and light weapons	Monitoring the training and sending the right personnel to the trainings in order to be effective.	<p>Ministry of Interior  Ministry of Justice  Ministry of Defence  Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration  Ministry of Economy  Other relevant public institutions that have some kind of contact with issues related to small arms and light weapons</p>	2017-2021		Funds from the budget of the line ministry or donations from foreign organisations	

4.3.	Professional training about small arms and light weapons	<p>Assessment of the training needs;  Training of trainers in order to ensure sustainability;  Expert trainings for police officers working on combating weapons related crimes in general;  Training on securing a crime scene and undertaking follow-up measures and activities (for the police officers who are the first to arrive at the crime scene and for the forensic officers);  Trainings on the methodology for detecting a crime of illicit trafficking in firearms, ammunition and explosives;  Training on how to lead an investigation and use of special investigative measures in cases of Illicit trafficking in firearms, ammunition and explosives;  Training on detecting crimes of illicit trafficking in firearms by using the social networks (dark web)</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior  Ministry of Justice  Ministry of Defence  Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration  Ministry of Economy  Other relevant public institutions that have some kind of contact with issues related to small arms and light weapons</p>	2017-2021		<p>Funds from the budget of the line ministry or donations from foreign organisations</p>	
4.4.	Analysis of the needs for procurement of adequate technical equipment for efficient fight against illicit arms trafficking	<p>Assessing the technology related needs, what kind of needs, when, where and why.  Appropriate equipment for combating organized crime.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior  Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration  Ministry of Economy  Other relevant public institutions that have some kind of contact with issues related to small arms and light weapons</p>	2021		<p>Budget of RM  International assistance/TAIEX or EMPACT</p>	

**5. WORKING ON REDUCING THE OFFER, DEMAND AND MISUSE OF FIREARMS BY AWARENESS RAISING, EDUCATION, INFORMING AND LOBBYING**

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5.1.	Raising the awareness of the citizens about the dangers of using small arms and light weapons in order to reduce the presence of firearms in the community and to contribute towards changing the "gun culture"	<p>To conduct an analysis of the awareness of the relevant targeted groups using the Report from the analysis of crimes committed with weapons;</p> <p>To prepare and conduct awareness-raising campaigns focused on particular groups and / or aimed at particular kinds of behaviour (young men, hunters, celebratory gunfire, domestic and gender-based violence, private security, training centres, etc.);</p> <p>To conduct training on gender-sensitive communication;</p> <p>To introduce anti-violence activities in schools in order to reduce the violence among young people;</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior  Youth and Sport Agency  Ministry of Education and Science  Ministry of Local Self-Government  Ministry of Labour and Social Policy</p>	if needed		Budget of RM International assistance	
5.2.	Awareness raising among licensed natural and legal persons about the danger of misuse and illegal proliferation of firearms / Awareness raising about the risk of diversion by manufacturers of firearms, ammunition and explosives	To develop and implement an internal programme for the manufacturers on regulations compliance.	<p>Ministry of Interior  Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration  Ministry of Defence  Ministry of Foreign Affairs  Ministry of Economy</p>	2021		International assistance	
5.3.	Developing sustainable partnerships in order to enhance lobbying and information dissemination in order to reach the multipliers of messages	<p>To organize periodic workshops with the civil society and media representatives on raising the level of awareness and knowledge about firearms misuse and illegal possession;</p> <p>To organise targeted workshops for journalists;</p> <p>To establish formal channels for communication between the contact points at the institutions and the media.</p>	Ministry of Interior	2021			

5.4.	Increasing public trust in security institutions and improving the communication and the capabilities to help the public security institutions	<p>Law enforcement authorities together with security councils to conduct regular surveys in the communities in order to identify the security needs of the local community and problems associated with firearms threats and to establish public information channels as part of the response;</p> <p>To conduct trainings for the departments for cooperation with the media within the security authorities for the purpose of a) improving the communication with the public using the social media; b) strategic communication on firearm-related incidents;</p> <p>Communication training programme for the SALW Commission;</p> <p>To organise and institutionalize surveys on the perception about the use, possession and danger of firearms that would provide gender and age segregated data.</p>	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Local Self-Government	2021		Budget of RM International assistance SEESAC	
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