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**ARMS EXPORTS REPORTING IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**  
**MONTENEGRO 2007**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON FOREIGN TRADE IN CONTROLLED GOODS**

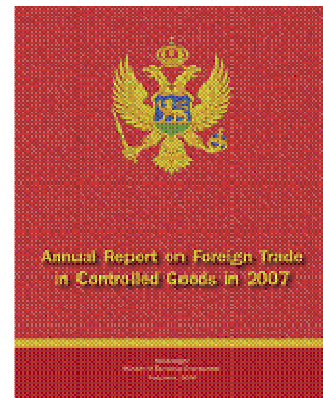
<b>SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA</b>	<b>FA 5 - SALW Awareness and Communication Strategy</b>
<b>SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY</b>	<b>OA 1 - Capacity Building</b> <b>OA 3 - Information Management and Exchange Activities</b>

Compliance with the relevant EU legislation and policies concerning Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) is highly desirable for the nations of the Western Balkans as they move towards further European integration. As part of the European Commission (EC) Second Pilot Project <sup>1</sup> on SALW (SPP), SEESAC launched in February 2006 a regional initiative for transparency in arms exports and for the production of 'standard' arms exports annual reports. The goal was to improve the capability of national reporting, which is a requirement of the EU Code of Conduct.

Since then Serbia has published their first report covering the period 2005-2006 and now is working on the 2007 edition. Bosnia and Herzegovina has increased the level of transparency and has provided data for 2006 related not only to their exports but also to the imports of arms. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has produced two annual reports (2005 and 2006) and is working on the 2007 edition. Albania and Croatia have declared that they will publish also annual exports reports.

Montenegro restored its statehood on 03 June 2006 and made commitments to join the arms transparency process. In 2007 Montenegro produced their first annual report. In 2008 the Ministry of Economic Development has produced a comprehensive report, which gives an overview of the exports and imports of controlled goods and describes the cooperation of the Ministry with international counterparts in the area of arms, military equipment and dual-use transfer control.

All reports produced by the countries in South Eastern Europe can be downloaded from SEESAC's website at [www.seesac.org](http://www.seesac.org)



<sup>1</sup> The implementation took place in 2006.



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