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### REGIONAL MEDIA TRAINING IN SALW REPORTING

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<b>SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA</b>	<b>FA 4 - SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy</b>
<b>SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SG 1 - Capacity Building SG 3 - Information Management and Exchange Activities SG 7 - Training and Research</b>

On 01 - 02 June 2004 SEESAC completed their second sub-regional training seminar for journalists on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) reporting. The training was held in cooperation with Saferworld, a London based independent and the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR).

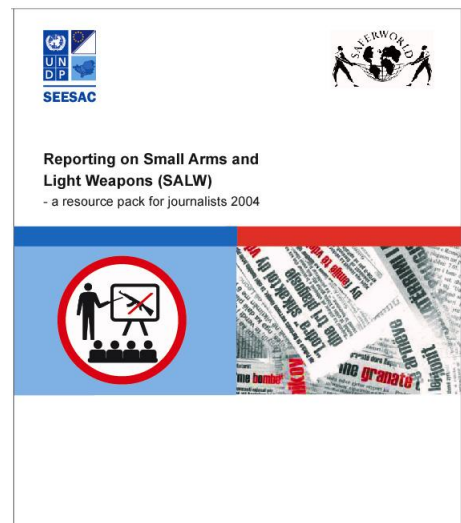
Through presentations and exercises, the seminars are designed to enhance the skills of regional journalists to investigate and report on SALW issues, as well as provide them with an insight into the most pressing SALW problems of South Eastern Europe and their own country.

The seminars cluster journalists by specific SALW issues most representative of their own country. This seminar was held in Bucharest (Romania) and included 12 journalists from Bulgaria, Romania and Moldova. It concentrated on SALW production, export and import controls.

The course materials were developed jointly by SEESAC, Saferworld and IWPR, and are compiled as **‘Reporting on SALW – A Resource Pack for Journalists’**. This pack will be used as the foundation for all future regional media seminars.

The ‘Resource Pack’ covers general SALW media issues:

- Techniques of investigative journalism;
- A technical overview of SALW;
- Global and regional ownership and production;
- Types of arms transfers;
- Humanitarian and developmental impact;
- A regional overview;
- The misuse of SALW;
- Challenges and risks of SALW reporting; and





- Identifying data sources.

The next sub-regional media training seminar is planned for October 2004 in Belgrade, and will include media representatives from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will concentrate on SALW possession, transfers and exports.

If you would like more information on the training or to obtain a copy of '**Reporting on SALW – A Resource Pack for Journalists**', please contact SEESAC Communications Officer Tijana Vukadin on: (+381) (11) 244 2902 or [tijana.vukadin@undp.org](mailto:tijana.vukadin@undp.org).

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