

# Conventional Arms Transfers in South Eastern Europe

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# Conventional Arms Transfers in SEE

- Region with significant surpluses
- Importance of conventional arms industry
- Past issues with arms transfer practices
- Importance of EU integration processes

# Arms Exports per Destination in 2009

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WORLDWIDE											
		ML 1	ML 2	ML 3	ML 4	ML 5	ML 6	ML 7	ML 8	ML 10	ML 11
Albania	a			3							
	b			1 850 000							
	c			1 850 000							
Bosnia and Herzegovina	a	9	7	114	1		5			4	1
	b	452 008	1 567 911	38 092 659	641 880		545 173			538 111	167 685
	c	132 260	1 541 991	18 613 087	599 158		545 173			505 601	167 685
Montenegro	a	17	2	10	8				2	17	
	b	1 864 410	498 553	435 203	2 735 311				566 350	1 425 177	
	c	1 734 262	932 828	676 684	3 137 900				373 825	977 238	
Serbia	a	115	9	142	24	2	2	4	34	6	
	b	29 985 911	15 525 509	214 396 066	39 184 562	1 560 777	2 384 113	353 536	15 027 333	1 501 171	
	c	14 244 332	5 503 261	34 659 504	37 843 359	159 334	49 879	353 536	4 460 521	1 172 755	
TOTAL PER ML category	a	140	18	269	33	2	7	4	36	27	1
	b	32 302 329	17 591 973	254 773 928	42 561 753	1 560 777	2 929 286	353 536	15 593 683	3 464 459	167 685
	c	16 110 854	7 978 080	55 799 275	41 580 417	159 334	595 052	353 536	4 834 346	2 655 594	167 685

a = number of licenses issued

b = value of licenses issued in Euros

c = value of arms exports in Euros

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		WORLDWIDE							
		ML 13	ML 14	ML 16	ML 17	ML 18	ML 21	ML 22	TOTAL per destination
Albania	a								3
	b								1 850 000
	c								1 850 000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	a								143
	b			2					3 524 600
	c								45 530 027
Montenegro	a			877 201					22 982 156
	b		1						57
	c		200 000						7 725 004
Serbia	a		200 000						8 032 737
	b	10		1	1	3	1	6	360
	c	1 812 796		57 863	4 490	1 168 271	116 793	1 918 258	324 997 448
TOTAL PER ML category	a	950 858		48 147	32 354	1 322 525	57 222	397 685	101 255 271
	b	10	1	3	1	3	1	6	563
	c	1 812 796	200 000	3 582 463	4 490	1 168 271	116 793	1 918 258	380 102 479
	c	950 858	200 000	925 348	32 354	1 322 525	57 222	397 685	134 120 164

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# Arms Transfer Control Systems in SEE

- Significant improvements in the past decade
- Export/Import Licensing systems broadly in line with EU practices
- Improved data collection
- Gaps still exist in legislation and post-export control capacity
- Brokering remains a difficult issue

# Reporting & Transparency

- Since 2005, WB countries have made great strides in improving reporting and transparency by publishing National Reports on Arms Exports.
- **30 comprehensive National Reports on Arms Exports published, each divulging a high-level of detail by EU standards**
- All countries currently publish their national reports: BiH (2005), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2006), Montenegro (2007), Serbia (2007), Albania (2009), and Croatia (2010).
- Differing approaches to information but overall very high level of transparency
- SEESAC developed a template and software that is used by most countries and that facilitates data collection and processing
- SEESAC supports the publication of the reports through technical assistance

## Comparison of national reports on arms exports produced by states in South Eastern Europe

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Type of information	Albania		Bosnia & Herzegovina		Croatia	FYROM		Montenegro		Serbia	
	2007- - 2008	2009	2004	2009	2009	2005	2006	2006	2009	2005 - - 2006	2009
<b>Export licences issued</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Number of licences	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Financial value	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Description of goods			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Number of items						x	x	x	x	x	x
Information on type of end-user						x	x			x	x
Disaggregated by destination	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Disaggregated by control list category	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x
Disaggregated by individual licence							x				
<b>Export licence denials</b>			x	x				x	x	x	x
Number of licences			x	x				x	x	x	x
Financial value				x						x	x
Description of goods				x						x	x
Number of items										x	x
Information on type of end-user										x	x
Reasons for denial										x	x
Disaggregated by destination			x	x						x	x
Disaggregated by control list category				x							
Disaggregated by individual licence				x							

► Table 2.1 - Production of annual reports on arms exports by EU member states and states in South Eastern Europe<sup>a</sup>

State	1984	1990	1991	1993	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 <sup>b</sup>
Albania																X	X	X
Austria													X	X	X	X	X	X
Belgium <sup>c</sup>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bel.-Brussels												X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bel.-Flanders												X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bel.-Wallonia												X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bosnia and Herzegovina													X	X	X	X	X	X
Bulgaria													X	X	X	X	X	X
Croatia																		X
Czech Republic												X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Denmark								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Estonia													X	X	X	X	X	X
Finland							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
France							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Germany								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hungary																		X
Ireland <sup>d</sup>							X											
Italy <sup>e</sup>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FYROM														X	X			
Montenegro															X	X	X	X
Netherlands						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Poland																		X
Portugal					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Romania									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Serbia														X	X	X	X	X
Slovakia													X	X	X	X	X	X
Slovenia														X	X	X	X	X
Spain <sup>e</sup>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sweden <sup>e</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UK						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>

# WB Regional Report on Arms Exports

- Modeled on the EU Arms Exports Report
- Came at the end of a process of consultations and information exchange
- Includes 5 WB countries
- Data on number and value of licences disaggregated by destination and EU ML categories



# Regional Information Exchange on Arms Exports

## OBJECTIVE

- To exchange information on various aspects of the arms exports control including
  - legislative harmonization and implementation;
  - arms embargo destinations;
  - national exports policies for specific destinations;
  - types of goods exported to specific destinations; and
  - denial of licences.

# Regional Information Exchange on Arms Exports

## PARTICIPANTS

- The following institutions from the WB countries take part in the process:
- **Albania:** the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the Albanian State Export Control Authority (AKSHE)
- **BiH:** the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (MOFTER) and MFA
- **Croatia:** the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Ministry of Economy, Labor and Entrepreneurship (MELE)
- **Montenegro:** Ministry of Economy (MoE) and MFA
- **Serbia:** Ministry of Economy and Regional Development (MERD) and MFA
- **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:** MoE, MFA, MoD, the Ministry of Interior (Mol)

# Regional Information Exchange on Arms Exports ORGANIZATION

- SEESAC acts as the Secretariat of the Process
- The Information Exchange has 3 years of history
- SEESAC organizes 2-3 events annually
- Specific details related to the organization

# Regional Information Exchange on Arms Exports OUTREACH

- Co-operation with the Council of the EU working group on arms exports - COARM
- Co-operation with other line Ministries
- Co-operation with the OSCE
- Co-operation with BAFA

**THANK YOU!**

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