



Information

News

Photo and Video

Vacancies

Procurement

Contact

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

@ f in t

How to Destroy 17,000 Weapons in an Hour?

by Djordje Milosevic, SEESAC intern
@djordje_fpn

Every passing minute another person in the world is killed by a gunshot.

Civilians now possess **30 percent more guns** than passenger vehicles. What if we started destroying them? Oh wait, we actually already have.



It was my second day of work at SEESAC (a UNDP project designed to control and reduce the number of small arms in South and Eastern Europe), when we went to watch the destruction of 17,000 guns.

Before we arrived at the recycling centre in Zeleznik near Belgrade, I couldn't even imagine what the disposal would look like. I soon witnessed one of the most impressive ways to destroy a huge amount of weapons very quickly.

Two huge trucks, fully loaded with different kinds of guns were coming our way, followed by police vehicles.

After the area was secure and we walked behind the line where it was safe to watch, they began unloading the trucks. In a matter of minutes, a huge pile of weapons was lying in front of a giant shredder.

A huge handle started grabbing guns from the pile and placing them in the noisy shredder. Scrap was coming out on the other side. All those deadly weapons were not usable any more: destroyers were being destroyed.

You couldn't even recognize that those were guns just few minutes before. Now they were just making another pile, but this time it was a pile of metal scrap – recyclable, of course.

We have been supporting destruction of guns in the Western Balkans for more than a decade now.

Watching just a small part of that process has really given me hope for the future of this region. Because a world with fewer guns is a better and safer world.

← Back

South Eastern and Eastern Europe
Clearinghouse for the Control of Small
Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC)

Bulevar Zorana Đinđića 64
11000 Belgrade
Serbia
Telephone:
(+381) 11 415 5300
Fax: (+381) 415 5499
E-mail: seesac@undp.org

Disclaimer



Newsletter

[SUBSCRIBE](#)

[News](#)
[Vacancies](#)
[Procurement](#)
[Contact](#)
[Who we are](#)
[Publications](#)

This site uses cookies for better performance and user experience. Do you agree to use of cookies?

[Find out more](#)

I agree	I don't agree
---------	---------------

Cookies on our web page

What is Cookie?

A cookie is a small piece of data sent from a website and stored in a user's web browser while a user is browsing a website. When the user browses the same website in the future, the data stored in the cookie can be retrieved by the website to notify the website of the user's previous activity

How do we use cookies?

A visit to a this page could generate the following types of cookie.

Strictly necessary cookies

These cookies are essential in order to enable you to move around the website and use its features, such as accessing secure areas of the website. Without these cookies services you have asked for, like shopping baskets or e-billing, cannot be provided.

2. Performance cookies

These cookies collect information about how visitors use a website, for instance which pages visitors go to most often, and if they get error messages from web pages. These cookies don't collect information that identifies a visitor. All information these cookies collect is aggregated and therefore anonymous. It is only used to improve how a website works.

3. Functionality cookies

These cookies allow the website to remember choices you make (such as your user name, language or the region you are in) and provide enhanced, more personal features. For instance, a website may be able to provide you with local weather reports or traffic news by storing in a cookie the region in which you are currently located. These cookies can also be used to remember changes you have made to text size, fonts and other parts of web pages that you can customise. They may also be used to provide services you have asked for such as watching a video or commenting on a blog. The information these cookies collect may be anonymised and they cannot track your browsing activity on other websites.

4. Targeting and advertising cookies

These cookies are used to deliver adverts more relevant to you and your interests They are also used to limit the number of times you see an advertisement as well as help measure the effectiveness of the advertising campaign. They are usually placed by advertising networks with the website operator's permission. They remember that you have visited a website and this information is shared with other organisations such as advertisers. Quite often targeting or advertising cookies will be linked to site functionality provided by the other organisation.

Cookie management

Cookies can be managed via the web browser settings. Please, see your browser help how to manage cookies.

On this site you can always turn cookies on/off on menu item "Cookie Management".

Website management

This website is managed by:

The South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC)

