

AGENDA

13th REGIONAL MEETING OF SALW COMMISSIONS

13-14 April 2021, (Hybrid setup)

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpd-yvrTorEtMSHkblXXR3NWc4KJ7szXmx>

Tuesday, 13 April 2021

09:00 – 09:20 Opening Session

- Opening remarks by Ms. Lene L. Hove Rietveld, Conventional Arms, SECPOL, European Union External Action Service
- Opening remarks by Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

09:20 – 10:30 Session I – Arms control legal and policy framework

This session will inform on the new EU Action Plan on Firearms Trafficking as well as any other related EU policy developments in this area. It will also inform on preliminary findings and recommendations of the Western Balkans analysis on mainstreaming gender into arms control legal and policy framework.

- *EU's Action Plan on Firearms Trafficking 2020-2025: Overarching priorities, specific actions for South-East Europe and its cooperation with the EU – Presentation by Mr. Emmanuel Vallens, Policy Officer, DG for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission*
- *Preliminary findings and recommendations of the gender analysis of firearms legislation in the Western Balkans aiming to enhance gender responsiveness of small arms control – Presentation by Mr. Dragan Božanić, SEESAC Gender and Research Officer*

Questions and Answers following each presentation

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:45 Session II – Awareness on the dangers of illegal possession and misuse of firearms

This session will provide insights into plans and current activities of the jurisdictions related to awareness and public information activities related to firearms as well as

voluntarily surrender and/or legalization campaigns.

- Key findings for 2020 from the [Armed Violence Monitoring Platform](#) related to firearms incidents trends in Southeast Europe – Presentation by Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator
- Awareness, voluntary surrender and legalization of firearms – Good practices and lessons learnt – Presentation by Mr. Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor

Questions and Answers following each presentation

SALW Commissions representatives need to be prepared for a tour de table highlighting the plans and any current challenge in this area. Key guiding questions for the discussion:

1. Does your jurisdiction have any plans for information campaigns/activities on new or existing **law on weapons** or on **explosives for civil use** (where relevant)?
2. Are there any **ongoing or planned awareness** activities targeting the general population in your jurisdiction? If so, which **priority focus areas** have you identified?
3. Will the awareness activities be integrating or will be followed by measures **for voluntary surrender and legalization** of firearms? If so, do you see any challenges?

Chair: Mr. Dragan Božanić, SEESAC Gender and Research Officer

12:45 – 13:00 **Coffee Break**

13:00 – 13:45 **Session III – Programme of Action on small arms and its International Tracing Instrument**

This session will provide information on national reporting requirements and status under the Programme of Action as well as key discussion issues and priorities in preparation for the Seventh Biennial Meeting of State (BMS7) on the *UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons* in all its aspects planned to be held on 26-31 July 2021.

Presentations by Ms. Katja Boettcher, Political Affairs Officer, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and Mr. Tak Mashiko, Programme Officer, UNODA

Questions and Answers following the presentations

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator

13:45 **Conclusions of Day I and Lunch**

Wednesday, 14 April 2021

09:30 – 11:00 Session IV– Marking of firearms and essential components

This session will bring good practices from the region related to post-manufacturing including import marking and deactivation marking.

- *Keynote presentations from representatives from Belgrade and Sarajevo*

SALW Commissions representatives need to be prepared to provide short briefs highlighting current concrete practices of marking of firearms in their jurisdictions, including on use of recently procured marking machines in some of the jurisdictions.

Chair: Ms. Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session V – Tackling diversion of firearms.

This session will focus on addressing diversion of small arms from national stockpiles and/or civilian holdings, what are the threats from the diversion of these firearms from legal into illegal sphere and prevention methods.

- *Loss and theft of firearms, risks of diversion and prevention methods– Introductory presentation by Mr. Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor*
- *Presentation of case studies on tackling theft of firearms*
- *Key findings from Project DIVERT, a research co-funded by the European Commission, which focuses on the diversion of firearms from the legal domain into the illicit sphere within the EU – Presentation by Mr. Nils Duquet, Director, Flemish Peace Institute*

Questions and Answers following each presentation

Chair: Ms. Jelena Bujaković, SEESAC SALW Project Specialist

13:00 Conclusions of the meeting and Lunch