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SEESAC'S DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN SEE

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EU COUNCIL DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2018/1788: *Support of SEESAC for the implementation of the Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans (2019-December 2021)- to be extended for 10 months*

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2019/2111: *SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in South East Europe reducing the threat of illicit small arms and light weapons and their ammunition (2020-2023)*

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2018/1788: *Support of SEESAC for the implementation of the Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans*

COMPONENT 1:

Coordination of the implementation of the Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW/firearms and their ammunition in the Western Balkans.

- Coordination and monitoring of the Roadmap implementation;

COMPONENT 2:

Support to the authorities of the Western Balkans in fully harmonising their arms-control legislation with the Union regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standards across the region.

- Comprehensive support in harmonization with EU Acquis (Gap analysis, Mainstreaming gender in SALW control, Advisory support, Organization of regional meetings and workshops)

COMPONENT 3:

Countering illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus through capacity assessments and technical assistance to the law-enforcement and border-police authorities.

- Needs assessment of Criminal and Border Police Services
- Support to Firearms Focal Points.



COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2019/2111: *SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in South East Europe reducing the threat of illicit small arms and light weapons and their ammunition*

COMPONENT 1:

Facilitation of regional cooperation and support for evidence-based policy-making on SALW control, thus further contributing to the reduction of the threat of illicit proliferation of SALW.



- Information-exchange and capacity development through meetings of SALW Commissions and SEEFEN.
- Support to data collection and maintenance of AVMP

COMPONENT 2:

Support to capacity building of law enforcement and border authorities in preventing and countering illicit arms possession and trafficking.



- Comprehensive support to Border and Criminal Police Service
- Development of SOPs
- Procurement of equipment
- Training

COMPONENT 3:

Improvement of capacities for physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) through infrastructure security upgrades, surplus reduction and training.



- Improvement of SALW storages 1 and 18 evidence rooms;
- SALW destruction (up to 12000 pieces)
- Ammunition destruction (up to 22000 pieces)





NEW PROJECT:

*SUPPORT FOR ENHANCING THE FIGHT
AGAINST THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION,
MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SMALL
ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (SALW)
IN THE WESTERN BALKANS*

GENERAL OVERVIEW (cont.)

AIM OF THE PROJECT:

- ❑ To strengthen strategic and operational capacity of the WB jurisdictions to conduct firearms investigations and exchange information within the region and with the EU on illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition.
- ❑ To support the jurisdictions to better understand and increase the response to the factors fuelling demand and misuse of firearms in the Western Balkans.



GENERAL OVERVIEW (cont.)

BENEFICIARIES

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Kosovo*;

IMPLEMENTER

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

PROJECT DURATION

01 September 2021 – 31 August 2024;

EUROPEAN UNION

Supported through IPA II Multi-Country Action programme 2020.




PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1

Strategic and operational capacity of WB authorities to conduct firearms investigations and exchange information within the region and with the EU on illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition strengthened;

2

Response to factors fuelling demand and misuse of firearms in WB increased;







Ist OBJECTIVE:

To strengthen strategic and operational capacity of WB authorities to conduct firearms investigations and exchange information within the region and with the EU on illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition

FIRST COMPONENT:



Network of functioning Firearms Focal Points (FFPs) in the WB established through:

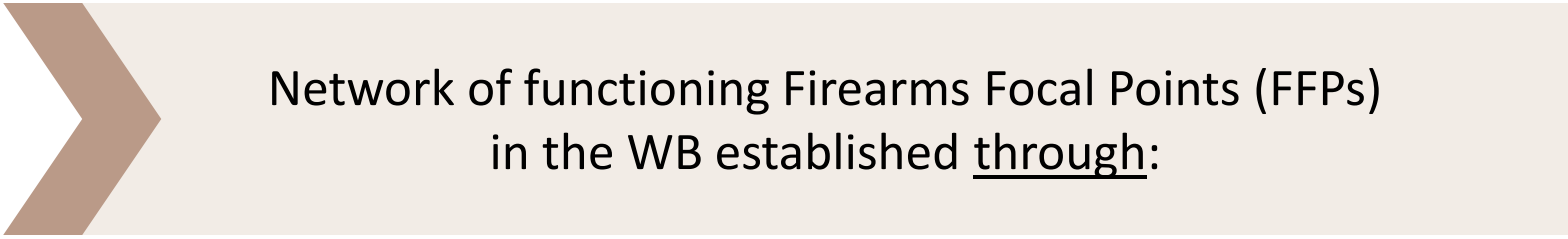
- Organization of annual workshops for WB FFPs to enable information exchange and knowledge sharing;
 - Capacity development of FFPs through the organisation of trainings on Analyst critical thinking skills, Open Source Intelligence and Social Media Intelligence training;
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Ist OBJECTIVE:

To strengthen strategic and operational capacity of WB authorities to conduct firearms investigations and exchange information within the region and with the EU on illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition

FIRST COMPONENT (cont.):



Network of functioning Firearms Focal Points (FFPs) in the WB established through:


- Trainings on gender analysis and gender sensitive data collection and collection and analysis of seized explosives as well as explosive precursors;
 - Support to FFPs outreach to other relevant institutions;
 - Advisory and technical support;
 - Development of related SOPs
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Ist OBJECTIVE:

To strengthen strategic and operational capacity of WB authorities to conduct firearms investigations and exchange information within the region and with the EU on illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition

SECOND COMPONENT:



Capacities of authorities in Western Balkans to conduct crime scene investigations in accordance with relevant standards, EU good practices and guidelines strengthened through:

- Initial Needs Assessment;
 - Organization of regional workshops on crime scene investigations and crime scene photography and establishment of a custody chain and recovery of electronic evidence;
 - Establishment of open case files;
 - Adjustment of the existing SOPs with the ENFSI best practice;
 - Delivery of equipment - basic and advance CSI equipment/kits ;
 - Organization of audits on CSI followed up by proposed action plans towards.
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2nd OBJECTIVE:

To increase response of beneficiaries to factors fuelling demand and misuse of firearms in the Western Balkans

THIRD COMPONENT:



Knowledge enhanced of factors fuelling demand and misuse of firearms in the Western Balkans through:

- Development of research on perpetrators of firearms incidents to identify factors and mechanisms which fuel demand for firearms and shape risk taking behaviours.



FOURTH COMPONENT:

Awareness and operational capacity to fight illicit and/or misuse of firearms raised among key beneficiaries through:

2nd OBJECTIVE:

To increase response of beneficiaries to factors fuelling demand and misuse of firearms in the Western Balkans

- Knowledge enhancement, information exchange and standardization of approaches through the establishment of the Regional Task Force;
- Development of practical guidelines;
- Provision of support to implementation of local campaigns at jurisdiction level.

FIFTH COMPONENT:

Capacities for mainstreaming gender into SALW control by institutions in Western Balkans strengthened and gender perspective integrated in institutional work at strategic, legal and operational level through:

- Development of regional analysis of institutional response to the misuse of firearms in domestic violence (including data collection practices) and development of comprehensive set of recommendations for the improvement of current practices;
- Increasing capacities of first line responders to address risks related to presence of firearms in the home;

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FIFTH COMPONENT (cont.):

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2nd OBJECTIVE:

To increase response of beneficiaries to factors fuelling demand and misuse of firearms in the Western Balkans

- Increasing capacities for gender sensitive firearms licence issuing procedure;
- Building capacities of SALW Commissions for Mainstreaming Gender in SALW Policy Frameworks and Enhancing Interinstitutional Cooperation;
- Increasing women's participation in SALW control.

**PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ROADMAP
IMPLEMENTATION**

FUNDING WINDOWS

- ❑ Reduce risk - Increase safety – Towards ending SALW misuse in domestic violence context, UNDP Serbia;
- ❑ Advancing the Capacities of the Ministry of Interior in the Field of Custody Chain, Crime Scene Investigations and the Ballistic Laboratory in the Field of Operations and Investigations in Trafficking of Firearms and Firearms Criminality, UNDP Serbia **(finalized)**;
- ❑ Support Albania's Law Enforcement Authorities to Strengthen Firearms Criminality Evidence Management and Investigation Capacities, UNDP Albania;
- ❑ Countering Illicit Arms Trafficking (CIAT), UNDP BiH;
- ❑ Urgent Action on Ammunition Destruction - Project EXPLODE+, UNDP BiH **(finalized)**;
- ❑ Support to counter Illicit arms trafficking, UNDP Kosovo;
- ❑ Improving national SALW-related practices and building violence-resilient communities, UNDP North Macedonia;
- ❑ Rogame SALW Storage Upgrade, UNDP Montenegro **(finalized)**.



MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND

Ist CALL FOR PROPOSAL (2019):

- Halting Arms and Lawbreaking Trade (HALT) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina and UNODC;
- Support to Combating Illicit Arms Trafficking in Kosovo for Criminal Police (CPIAT), UNDP Kosovo;
- Criminal Justice Response Against Arms Trafficking (regional project), UNODC;
- Urgent Action on Ammunition Destruction - Project EXPLODE+, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina;



MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND (CONT.)

2nd CALL FOR PROPOSAL (2020):

- Strengthening Control, Administration and Social Attitudes Towards SALW, UNDP Albania;
- Advancing the Capacities of the Ministry of Interior in the SALW Control-Related Field (Phase II), UNDP Serbia;
- Advancing the Capacities of the Police Directorate in the Field of Custody Chain, Crime Scene Investigations and the Forensic Laboratory in the Field of Operations and Investigations in Detection and Trafficking of Explosives Criminality, UNDP Montenegro;
- Cross-border Integrated Institutional Approach Towards Combatting IAT and SALW, UNDP Kosovo and UNDP North Macedonia;
- Prevention and Illicit Arms Reduction in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Project PILLAR+), UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Support for Increased International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, UNODC.



A large pile of spent brass bullet casing shells scattered on a light-colored surface. The shells are in various orientations, some showing the primer and others showing the bullet tip. The image has a warm, slightly desaturated color palette.

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