



REGIONAL STEERING GROUP MEETING

Regional Implementation Plan on Combating the
Proliferation and Impact of Small Arms and Light Weapons

SEESAC 2019 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS FOR 2020

Belgrade, Serbia
4 March 2020

1.



**REGIONAL
COOPERATION ON
SALW CONTROL**

REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE FACILITATED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019



- Two **regional meetings of the SALW Commissions** organized, gathering arms control policy-makers from SEE to share common challenges and identify solutions to address the illicit possession, trafficking and misuse of firearms.
- **Participation of representatives from Belarus and Ukraine** government institutions facilitated at the SALW Commissions and the SEEFEN meetings.
- Two **meetings of the South East Firearms Experts Network (SEEFEN)** organized to facilitate information exchange and knowledge sharing in order to enhance regional approach to combating illicit trafficking of firearms.

PLANS 2020

- Continued activities.

2.

ARMS CONTROL POLICY SUPPORT

CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING ENHANCED

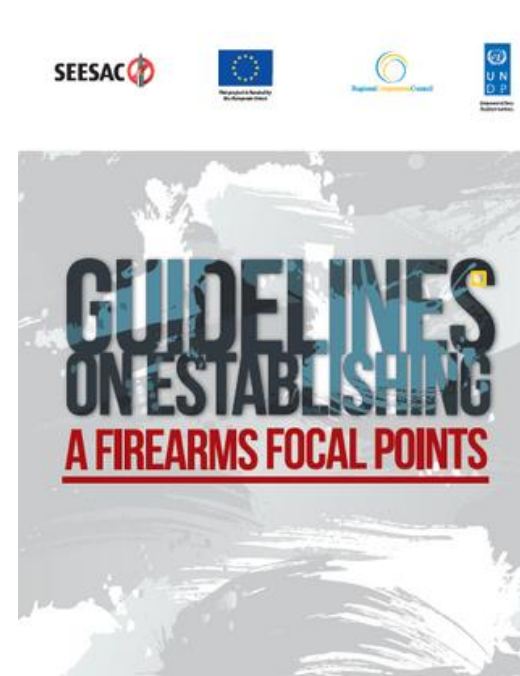
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019



Small Arms and Light Weapons Surveys



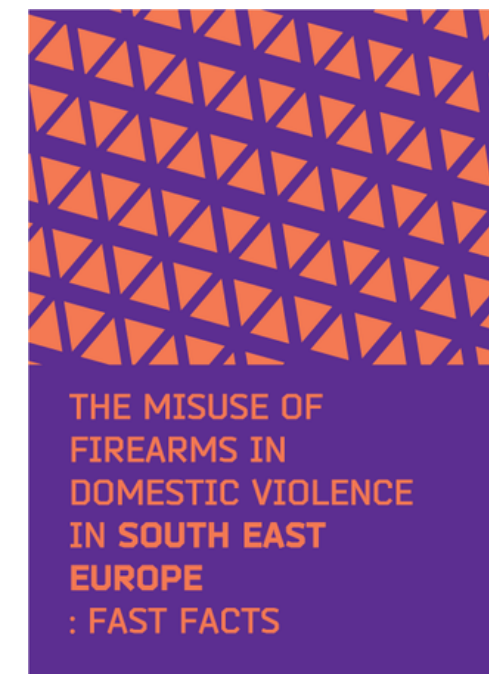
Eleventh Regional Report on Arms Exports



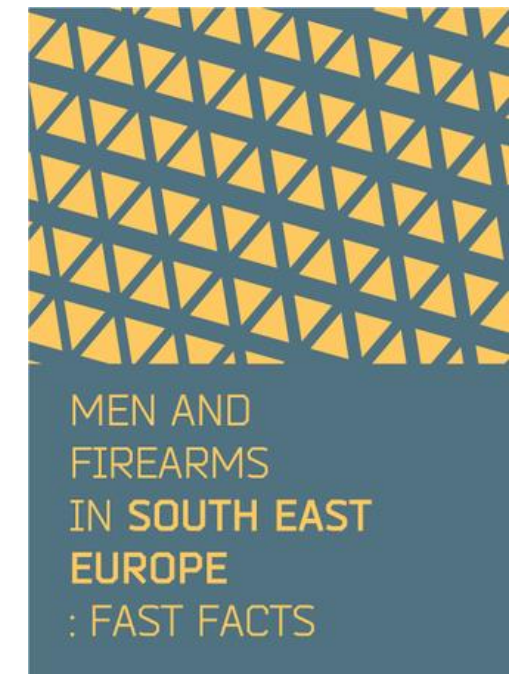
Guidelines on Establishing a Firearms Focal Point



Gender and Small Arms Fast Facts



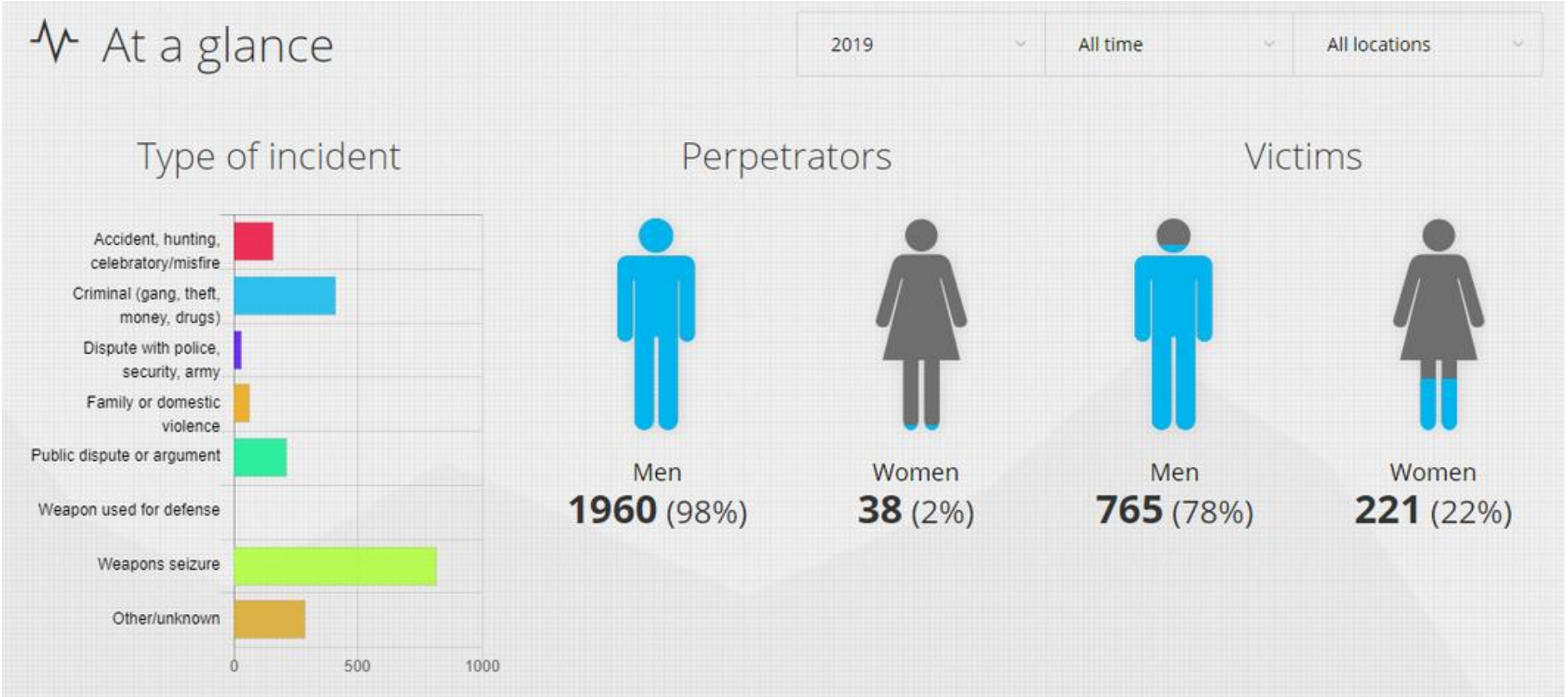
Misuse of Firearms in Domestic Violence in South East Europe



Men and Firearms in South East Europe

CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING ENHANCED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019



- **Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP)** regularly updated, capturing over 2,000 firearm-related incidents in the region.

PLANS 2020

- Continued activities.



GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN SALW CONTROL FACILITATED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Gender Coach Programme completed by the Head of the SALW Commission in Albania;
- National training "Towards Gender Responsive SALW Control" held with representatives from the Albanian SALW Commission;
- Regional training "Towards Gender Responsive SALW Control" organized with representative from the SALW Commissions from Kosovo*, Moldova, North Macedonia and Serbia.

PLANS 2020

- Continued activities.

**References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).*



OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY CAPACITIES ENHANCED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- One media strategy development training completed by the Head of the SALW Coordination Board in BiH.

PLANS 2020

- Conduct media strategy development training with the Head of the SALW Commission in Montenegro.

3.

**HARMONIZATION
OF ARMS CONTROL
LEGISLATION
WITH EU ACQUIS**



HARMONIZATION OF ARMS CONTROL LEGISLATION FACILITATED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Gap analyses of the legal framework on control of SALW, explosives and/or explosive precursors compared to the relevant EU Directives prepared for Albania, BiH, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo;
- One regional workshop dealing with the harmonization of legislation in the field of SALW and explosives control with EU Acquis organised;
- Four workshops on the harmonization of the SALW control legal framework organized in BiH (2), Montenegro (1) and Serbia (1);
- Technical and advisory support provided on the harmonization of the SALW control legal framework with the EU Acquis in BiH and Serbia;
- Advisory support provided to the Ministry of Interior of Moldova in drafting the Law on the Civil Use of Explosives.



HARMONIZATION OF ARMS CONTROL LEGISLATION WITH EU ACQUIS **PLANS 2020**

- Continue support to the **harmonization of arms control legislation**;
- Use the results of the implemented activities to update the **regional arms-law compendium** as an easy-reference guide for SALW/firearms control legislation in the region;
- Initiate the **gender screening** of the legal framework.

4.

**PHYSICAL SECURITY
AND STOCKPILE
MANAGEMENT**



21,358 SALW

and 1,767 components destroyed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, and Kosovo.

54,111

pieces of ammunition disposed of in Serbia.



CAPACITY FOR PSSM IMPROVED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019



INFRASTRUCTURE

4 storage locations upgraded and 4 evidence rooms with improved security finalized in 2019.



PSSM TRAINING

one national PSSM training organised for the Albanian State Police;
one regional meeting for PSSM trainers from SEE organized.



RASR

eleventh RASR
(Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction)
workshop organized gathering representatives from the Ministries of Defence & international organizations.

PSSM PLANS 2020



Enhance security of 2 storage locations in Albania, in accordance with international standards and best practices.



Increase security of up to 3 evidence rooms.



Destroy up to 2 000 pieces of surplus or confiscated weapons.

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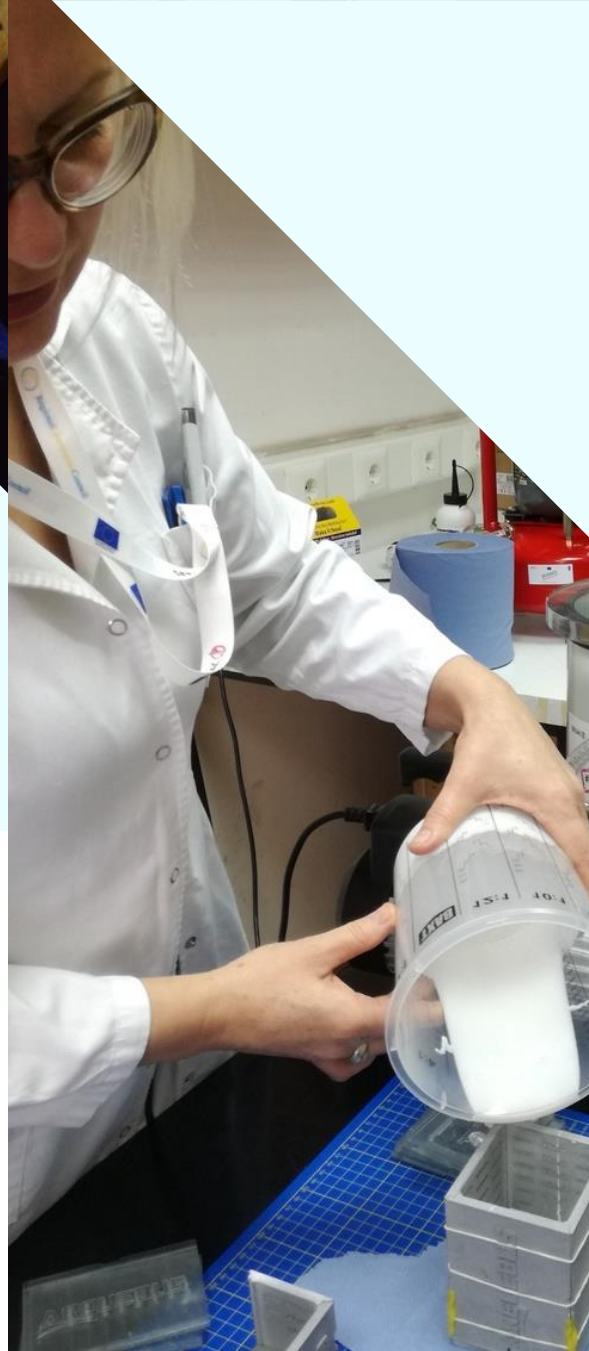
**CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION AND
COUNTERING ILLICIT
ARMS TRAFFICKING**



FIREARMS FOCAL POINTS (FFP) STRENGTHENED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Specialized ICT equipment provided to Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, in support of the FFPs;
- On-site technical support provided for the FFPs in Montenegro, Moldova and North Macedonia;
- Exchange visit between FFPs in Montenegro and Kosovo facilitated;
- Regional IBM iBase Designer training organized for IT experts maintaining the FFP system;
- Training on online investigation organized in cooperation with EMPACT and TAIEX and delivery of pre-installed laptops to Western Balkans 6 (except BiH), Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.



BALLISTIC CAPACITIES IMPROVED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Eight double casting kits procured and related training provided to the ballistic labs in each of the jurisdictions;
- Regional training on Open Case File, organized in cooperation with NABIS.

CAPACITIES FOR MARKING IMPROVED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Marking machines procured for relevant institutions in Albania, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, and Kosovo; Delivery and related training to be conducted in 2020.



BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEEDS FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Needs assessments of the border-police in countering illicit arms trafficking initiated with field missions conducted in Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania and North Macedonia, and completed in early 2020.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING **PLANS 2020**

- Continue strengthening the **capacity of ballistics experts and investigators** for addressing cross border firearm-related criminality;
- Develop **SOPs**, and provide **equipment, training** and **regional workshops** for the border services, based on the border needs assessments;
- Conduct **needs assessment of the criminal-police services** of the Western Balkans in countering illicit arms trafficking.

6.

**AWARENESS-RAISING
ON ILLICIT FIREARM
POSSESSION AND
MISUSE**

**DON'T RUIN
THE PARTY**





AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2019

Regional online awareness campaign continued in the English language, and launched in Albanian, BCMS, Macedonian and Romanian, focusing on domestic violence, suicides, and celebratory shooting.

7.

**WESTERN BALKANS
SALW CONTROL
ROADMAP**

ROADMAP COORDINATION AND MONITORING ESTABLISHED

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Comprehensive regional monitoring and coordination platform for the implementation of the Roadmap established in close cooperation with Western Balkans authorities:
 - Two regional Roadmap coordination meetings organized;
 - Two rounds of 6 local coordination meetings held by the SALW Commissions supported;
 - Two regional Roadmap monitoring reports prepared, based on the Roadmap Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the Roadmap goals;

PLANS 2020

- Continued activities.





COORDINATION OF THE WESTERN BALKANS SALW CONTROL ROADMAP MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND (MPTF)

OBJECTIVE

- Established by UNDP, UNODC and the MPTF Office as a key funding mechanism supporting the coordinated implementation of SALW control activities in the framework of the Roadmap.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- **Steering Committee:** provides general oversight, overall accountability and the strategic direction for the Fund; is chaired by the UNDP, and consists of representatives from the implementing organizations, from Germany, France and the EU, from the top three donors of the Trust Fund, and observers;
- **Secretariat:** ensured by SEESAC, responsible for the programmatic coordination and monitoring the activities of the Fund, providing technical and management support to the Fund;
- **Fund Administration:** conducted by the MPTF Office;
- **Participating organizations:** UNDP, UNODC.

CONTRIBUTIONS

GERMANY **EUR 4.5 mil/ USD 4.9 mil**

UK **GBP 2 mil/ USD 2.6 mil**

FRANCE **EUR 0.9 mil/ USD 1 mil**

SWEDEN **SEK 7 mil/ USD 0.7 mil**

NORWAY **NOK 1.6 mil/ USD 0.2 mil**

LEGAL COMMITMENTS

NORWAY **NOK 3.4 mil/ USD 0.4 mil**

TOTAL contributions and legal commitments: USD 9.8 mil

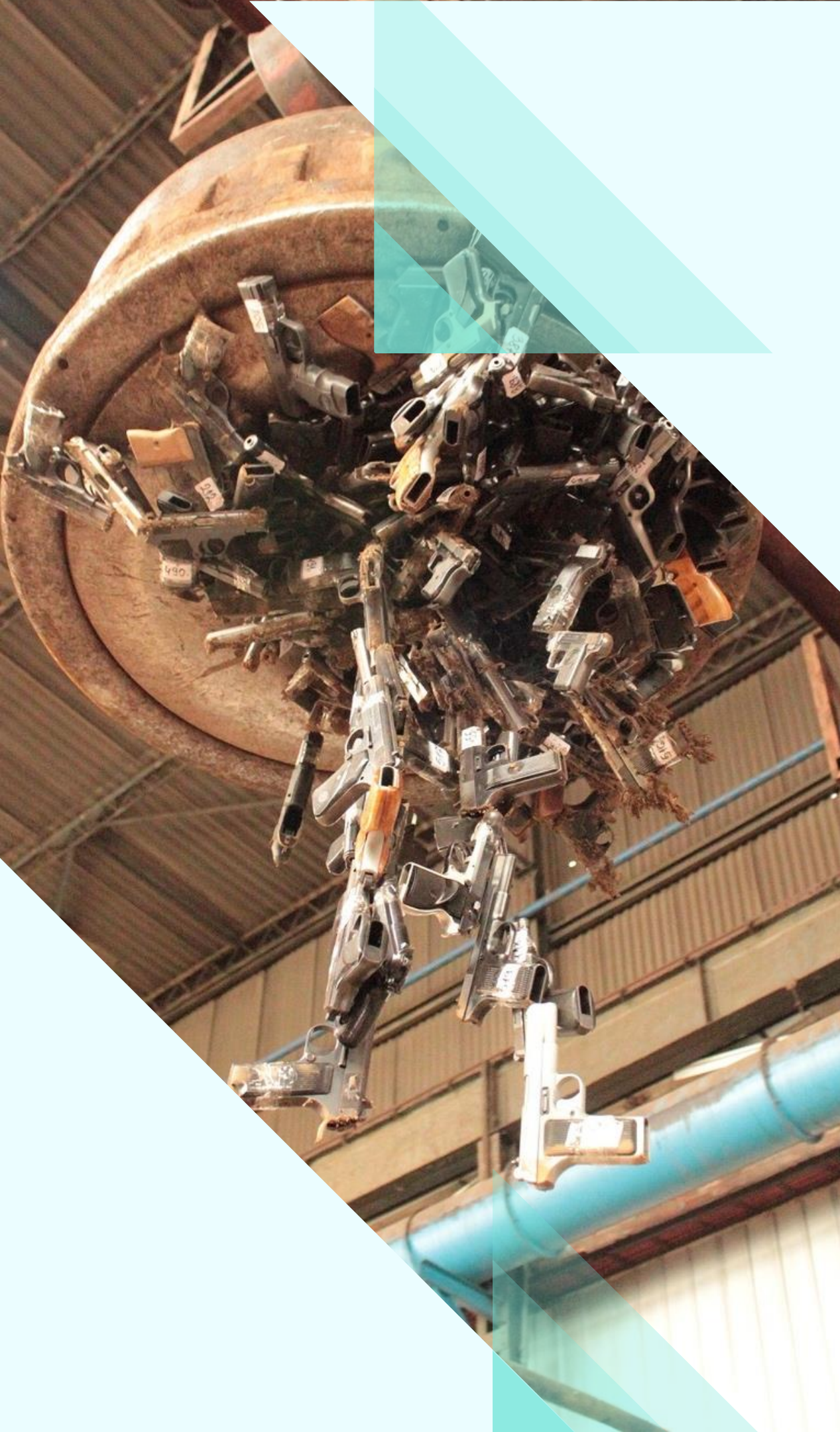
In the pipeline: NETHERLANDS, **EUR 1.5 mil/ USD 1.7 mil (TBC)**



COORDINATION OF THE WESTERN BALKANS SALW CONTROL ROADMAP MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND (MPTF)

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- First call for project proposal launched at the end of July 2019;
- 9 project proposals were received, amounting to USD 12.6 million;
- Four proposals were approved for funding by the Steering Committee for USD 5.3 million:
 - **Halting Arms and Lawbreaking Trade (HALT)**, implemented by UNDP BiH & UNODC, in the amount USD 2,200,000;
 - **Support to Combating Illicit Arms Trafficking in Kosovo for Criminal Police (CPIAT)**, implemented by UNDP Kosovo, in the amount USD 660,000;
 - **Criminal justice response against arms trafficking**, implemented by UNODC, in the amount USD 1,899,999;
 - **Urgent Action on Ammunition Destruction - Project EXPLODE+**, implemented by UNDP BiH, in the amount USD 583,546;
- **A new call for project proposals was launched in 2020**; eligible to apply: UNDP and UNODC.



COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- Funded by the Government of Germany;
- Volume: EUR 5.5m (USD 6.2m) earmarked to the UNDP Funding Window Governance for Inclusive and Peaceful Societies, for arms control activities;
- Period 2019-2021;
- 8 projects submitted by UNDP Offices in the Western Balkans were selected within a call for project proposals;
- All 8 projects are currently under implementation.



FUNDED PROJECTS

- **Reduce risk - Increase safety – Towards ending SALW misuse in domestic violence context**, implemented by UNDP Serbia, in the amount of USD 294,462 ;
- **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**, implemented by UNDP Serbia, in the amount of USD 958,284;
- **Support Albania's Law Enforcement Authorities to Strengthen Firearms Criminality Evidence Management and Investigation Capacities**, implemented by UNDP Albania, in the amount of USD 1,185,471;
- **Countering Illicit Arms Trafficking (CIAT)**, implemented by UNDP BiH, in the amount of USD 1,071,283;
- **Urgent Action on Ammunition Destruction - Project EXPLODE+**, implemented by UNDP BiH, in the amount of USD 55,066;
- **Support to counter Illicit arms trafficking**, implemented by UNDP Kosovo, in the amount of USD 987,412;
- **Improving national SALW-related practices and building violence-resilient communities**, implemented by UNDP North Macedonia, in the amount of USD 1,000,908;
- **Rogami SALW Storage Upgrade**, implemented by UNDP Montenegro, in the amount of USD 162,000.

8.

**GENDER
MAINSTREAMING IN
SECURITY SECTOR
REFORM (PHASE II)**



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2019

- **Strengthened regional cooperation of MoDs and AFs** in the Western Balkans through regional platform for gender equality in the military. **Two regional meetings of GEMs** and decision makers in MoDs and AFs were organized;
- **Mapping and Planning Mission conducted** in BiH, Montenegro and North Macedonia to identify good practices and map the main gaps and challenges;
- **Increased capacities of GEMs to develop and implement evidence-based policies** through implementation of small-scale projects developed by MoDs;
- **Strengthened capacities of MoDs and AFs to collect and analyze gender segregated data;**
- The **second regional study The Position of Women in the Armed Forces in the Western Balkans** initiated in 2019;
- **Strengthened capacities of MoDs and AFs to effectively prevent and respond to discrimination and harassment;**
- **Raised gender awareness of high-ranking officials and commanding officers** in MoDs and AFs through two Gender Coach Programme;
- **Strengthened capacities of Regional Network of Gender Military Trainers** through information sharing and knowledge exchange;
- **Increased South – South cooperation on gender in SSR** through Regional Network of Gender Military Trainers in the AFs in the Western Balkans.

PLANS 2020

- Continued activities.

9.

**REPLICATION OF
GOOD PRACTICES**



REPLICATION OF GOOD PRACTICES

- Good practices and challenges in SALW control shared with a delegation of the **Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)**, national SALW Commissions in Burkina Faso, Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, UNDP Offices Africa, German Federal Foreign Office and Bonn International Centre for Conversion;
- Lessons learnt shared with the **United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)**;
- Consultations and lessons learned provided to the **UK Home Office** on the possibility of replication of the Roadmap process on another thematic area;
- Progress on the implementation of the Roadmap presented at the **UN Security Council Arria Meeting on Building Peace through Effective Small Arms Control** (New York, 8 April).

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT SEESAC PORTFOLIO

2016-2024

EU COUNCIL DECISION 2016/2356

to support SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in SEE.....USD 6.9 million

EU COUNCIL DECISION 2018/1788

in support of SEESAC for the implementation of the Roadmap.....USD 4.6 million

EU COUNCIL DECISION 2019/2111

to support SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in SEE.....USD 13,2 million

US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

for continued infrastructure upgrade works in Albania and Serbia.....USD 1.7 million

NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Gender mainstreaming in SSR (phase II).....USD 2.3 million

SLOVAK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Gender mainstreaming in SSR (phase II).....USD 0.2 million



PARTNERSHIPS

- European Union: EEAS, DG NEAR, DG HOME, Europol, EMPACT, Frontex, EUFOR
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA): Regional Centers for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa
- UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): NSPA
- The International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS)
- Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)



PARTNERSHIPS

- Nordic Center for Gender in Military Operations
- Women Police Officers Networks
- ITF- Enhancing Human Security
- RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation
- Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC)
- International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)
- Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC)
- Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG)
- Small Arms Survey
- Flemish Peace Institute
- Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)
- Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
- Saferworld
- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)
- HALO Trust
- Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
- Mines Advisory Group

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