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# REGIONAL STEERING GROUP MEETING

SEESAC 2021 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS FOR 2022

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



Since 2002 tasked with:

- Facilitation of regional cooperation
- Provision of technical and advisory support
- Project implementation
- Data collection and monitoring of progress
- Support donor coordination

# **STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION**

- 1. Regional overview**
- 2. SEESAC's disarmament and arms control activities in South East Europe**
- 3. SALW Control roadmap - coordination and monitoring**
- 4. Mainstreaming gender in the security sector**
- 5. Global footprint**

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2021

- Most jurisdictions have reported progress in **amending and further harmonizing legal framework** related to firearms with the EU Acquis;
- **New SALW Strategies and/or Action Plans** were developed by several jurisdictions ensuring a continued and comprehensive response to arms control;
- **Enhanced ballistic, analytical, and forensic capacities** in support of the investigations of firearms-related crimes reported in several jurisdictions;
- **Increased operational cooperation** with EU agencies, including within EMPACT in countering firearms trafficking throughout the region;
- Strengthening of capacities in **preventing and countering the trafficking of firearms** at the **borders and inland** continued;
- Ongoing work on destroying surplus weapons and ammunition as well as **improving security infrastructure of weapons and ammunition storages and evidence rooms**;
- Delays with regards to awareness raising activities and legalization, voluntary surrender and deactivation.

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2021

- Year 2021 continued to be dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Authorities showed **strong commitment** to implement the planned activities demonstrating their **full ownership to the initiative results**;
- **An increase of support** was noted in 2021, nevertheless by international and regional organizations. **46 projects were reported as initiated or ongoing in 2021** in support of Western Balkans authorities (from 42 in 2020).

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2021

### Armed Violence Monitoring Platform

- A total of **3,308 firearm-related incidents recorded** in Southeast Europe in 2021, which is an **increase of 14%** compared to 2020;
- Positive trend of increase in **weapons seizures incidents** continued with 1,534 incidents recorded in 2021 compared to 1,239 in 2020;
- **1,342 victims** were recorded, of whom the majority were **threatened (520), injured (365), and killed (156)**;
- The majority of incidents were **committed by men**;
- **590 incidents in criminal context** were reported, with **378** being **armed robberies**;
- **125 incidents of celebratory shootings** were reported, nearly doubling the number from 2020;
- **91 incidents of domestic violence**, in which **22 women** and **10 men were killed** with firearms;
- **Handguns, rifles/shotguns, and automatic/military-grade weapons** were the most used type of weapons;
- **In 205 cases, explosives were accidentally found** by citizens.

# PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION BY SEESAC 2018-2024

**EU COUNCIL DECISION 2021/2161 amending CD 2018/1788 – *ongoing***  
in support of SEESAC for the implementation of the Roadmap.....USD 4.6 million

**EU COUNCIL DECISION 2019/2111 – *ongoing***  
to support SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in SEE.....USD 13,2 million

**EU - DG NEAR through IPA**  
Support to enhancing the fight against the illegal possession, misuse and  
trafficking of SALW in the Western Balkans .....USD 5,6 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



**SEESAC Budget 2022 USD 5.5 million,  
delivery in 2021 USD 3,3 million**

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# **SEESAC's DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN SEE**

# KEY RESULTS

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## REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Two regional meetings of **SALW Commissions** held, with the participation of representatives of the Western Balkans jurisdictions, Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine.
- Meetings of the **Southeast Firearms Experts Network (SEEFEN)** held, with the participation of representatives of the Western Balkans jurisdictions, Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine.



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## REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE



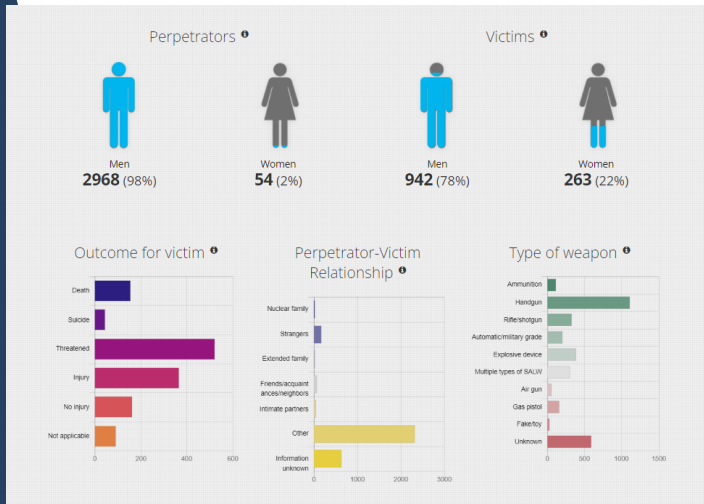
- Facilitation of **regional cooperation** at strategic and operational levels through SALW commissions regional platform and the SEEFEN network;
- Organization of a **regional workshop with parliamentarians of the region and SALW Commissions**, in cooperation with the Parliamentary Forum on SALW.



# KEY RESULTS

## CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS (cont.)

- Regular population of the **Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP)**;
- Publication of **four Quarterly Armed Violence Monitor Reports** and **seven In-Focus Armed Violence Monitors**.



South East Europe Armed Violence Monitor  
Quarterly Regional Report  
July-September 2021



PERPETRATORS OF FIREARM INCIDENTS  
in South East Europe in 2020



## KEY RESULTS

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### CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

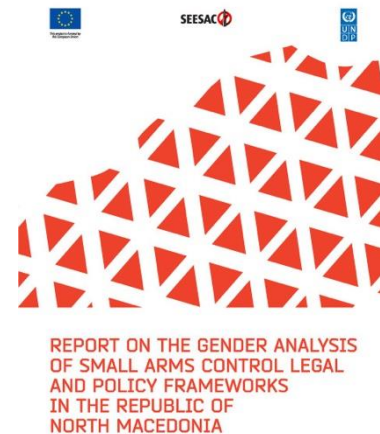
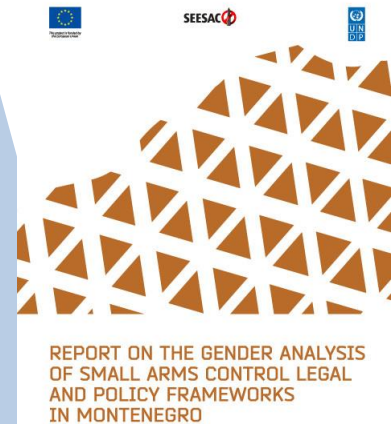
- Development and publication of **Regional Report on Arms Exports 2019** with inputs from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.

# KEY RESULTS

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## CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS (cont.)

- Development and publication of **Gender analysis of SALW control legislation and policies reports** for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Brcko District), Montenegro and North Macedonia.
- ✓ A total of 101 laws, 113 bylaws and 39 strategies and action plans screened



# KEY RESULTS

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## CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS (cont.)

- Expert support provided to the SALW Commissions of Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo\*, in **evaluating and drafting the new SALW Strategy and/or Action Plans**;
- **Media strategy development and communication training** delivered to the Deputy Head of SALW Coordination Board in BiH;
- **IT support** provided to SALW commissions to facilitate data collection, reporting and monitoring.

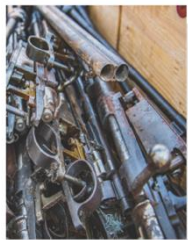


*\*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).*

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## CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

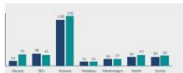
- Publication of **quarterly and In-focus monitors on armed violence trends**;
- Support authorities **in data collection, reporting and analysis on small arms and light weapons**;
- Organize **Gender Coach Programme** with one SALW Commission;
- Organize **Media Strategy Development Programme** with one SALW Commission.



South East Europe Armed Violence Monitor  
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### MAIN TRENDS - Weapon seizures

A national continued to be the most reported type of firearm incident in the region. A national continued to be the most reported type of firearm incident in the region.



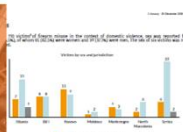
Authorities recorded an increased number of weapon seizures during the reporting period compared to the previous quarter.



Authorities reported a decrease in the number of weapons seized during the reporting period compared to the previous quarter.



### FIREARM INCIDENTS in the context of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE in South East Europe in 2020



Firearm incidents in the context of domestic violence in South East Europe in 2020

Year	Handgun	Assault Rifle	Other	Total
2017	3	1	1	5
2018	7	11	21	39
2019	2	11	26	39
2020	20	11	1	32
Total	33	34	59	126

The number of firearm incidents in the context of domestic violence in South East Europe in 2020



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## CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS (cont.)

- Initiation of **research on perpetrators of firearms incidents** to identify factors and mechanisms which fuel demand for firearms and shape risk taking behaviours;
- Initiate **Regional analysis of institutional response to the misuse of firearms in domestic violence** and development of comprehensive set of recommendations for the improvement of current practices.



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## CAPACITY FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS (cont.)

- On-demand provision of consultative support to SALW Commissions in mainstreaming gender in SALW control;
- Initiation of **analysis of factors which hinder women's full participation in SALW control.**



# KEY RESULTS



## HARMONIZATION OF ARMS CONTROL LEGISLATION

- **Regional workshop on Harmonization of legislation in the field of SALW Control with the EU Acquis** organized for WB jurisdictions, including representatives from institutions of Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine;
- A gap analysis of the legal framework on the **production and trade in military equipment** against the relevant EU Directives developed in North Macedonia;
- **Technical and advisory support provided for** the harmonization of the firearms' legal framework with the EU Acquis to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Kosovo.

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## HARMONIZATION OF ARMS CONTROL LEGISLATION

- Development of **gap analysis of legal frameworks**
- Provision of **on-demand expertise on legislative and policy updates;**
- Update of the **regional arms-law compendium** on SEESAC's website, as an easy-reference guide for SALW/firearms control legislation in the region;
- **Regional workshop.**



# KEY RESULTS

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Criminal Police

- Finalization of a **detailed needs assessment of the criminal police capacities** to counter illicit arms trafficking in six WB jurisdictions;
- Organization of **Regional meeting of criminal police representatives**.

# PLANS FOR 2022

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Criminal police:

- **Endorsement** of needs assessment findings and recommendations;
- Support to **drafting the new SOPs for criminal police**;
- Initiate **procurement of equipment based on the key findings of the assessment and organisation of training**;
- Organization of one **Regional meeting for criminal police**;
- Conduct **needs assessment of the criminal police services** in the Republic of Moldova.



# KEY RESULTS

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING (cont.)

### Border police:

- Development of **Standard Operating Procedures for border police in Albania** developed and endorsed;
- **SOPs for border police** in Montenegro and North Macedonia finalized, and in Serbia initiated;
- Procurement of **equipment** in Montenegro and Albania initiated;
- Organization of **Regional meeting of border police services officials**;
- **Development of the handbook for border guards and customs for the Western Balkans** jointly with Frontex.

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING (cont.)

### Border police:

- Support to **drafting the new SOPs for border police;**
- Initiate **procurement of equipment based on the key findings of the assessment and training;**
- Organization of one **Regional meeting for border police;**
- Finalisation of **handbook for border guards and customs for the Western Balkans.**





## KEY RESULTS

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### SUPPORT TO FIREARMS RELATED INVESTIGATIONS, EXCHANGE OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION AND TRACING

- On-demand support to the **operationalization of the FFPs** to all jurisdictions, through various capacity development activities, procurement of specialized equipment and provision of technical advice;
- Organization of a **Regional Firearms Focal Points meeting**.

# KEY RESULTS

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS RELATED INVESTIGATIONS, EXCHANGE OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION AND TRACING (cont.)



- **Open-source intelligence training**, advancing the capacities of criminal police in SEE to conduct online investigations;
- The **2<sup>nd</sup> pilot workshop on operational ballistic information-exchange on converted weapons** between representatives of North Macedonia and Kosovo, and EUROPOL organized;
- Co-organization of a **workshop with EMPACT on advanced information sharing in the intelligence phase of an investigation** among six Western Balkans jurisdictions, EUROPOL, Frontex and Swiss police;
- Organization of a **Basic Analyst's training** was for the **FFP representatives** in North Macedonia;
- **Procurement of hardware to further operationalize the Weapons Registry System** in Moldova has been initiated, ensuring data collection, analysis and dissemination.

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## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS RELATED INVESTIGATIONS, EXCHANGE OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION AND TRACING



- **Strengthen capacity of ballistics experts and investigators** for addressing cross border firearm-related criminality;
  - Organization of the **Annual workshop for FFPs in the WB**, enabling Information exchange and knowledge sharing; including **one regional training on gender analysis and gender sensitive data collection**, and foresight.
  - Organization of **ANACAPA and OSINT trainings**, thus advancing capacity development of FFPs;
  - Provision of **support to FFPs for further development of SOPs in establishing Open Case Files.**



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## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS RELATED INVESTIGATIONS, EXCHANGE OF OPERATIONAL INFORMATION AND TRACING (cont.)



- Provision of support of **FFPs' outreach towards investigators, prosecutors and relevant superiors;**
- Provision of support of the **outreach of the ballistic labs towards prosecutors;**
- Increase capacity development of selected authorities in the WB, in the area of CSI, advanced through **organization of a regional workshop on CSI in accordance to ENFSI Best Practice manual & recovery of conversion related equipment;**
- Launch **initial audit on ISO standard 17020;**
- Finalize **development of the weapons registry system** in the Republic of Moldova.



# KEY RESULTS

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## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- Destruction of **1,972 pieces of SALW including 891 SALW parts and components** in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Destruction of **2,119 pcs of SALW, 142 SALW parts and components and 50,000 cartridges** in the Republic of Moldova.



# KEY RESULTS

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## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT (cont.)



- **Security upgrades of six evidence rooms** in Montenegro (3) and Kosovo (3) completed.
- **Preparatory activities for security upgrades of evidence rooms** in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia initiated.
- Security upgrades ongoing in **one storage** in Albania (Mullet) and **one** in Serbia (Duvaniste).

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## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT



- Enhancement of the security of **two (2) storages and nine (9) evidence rooms**;
- Support destruction of **up to 3 000 pieces of conventional weapons**;
- Organization of **national training** in Serbia;
- Organization of **one thematic workshop** with RACVIAC on ammunition stockpile management and their surveillance systems.





## KEY RESULTS

### AWARENESS-RAISING ON DANGERS OF FIREARMS ILLICIT POSSESSION AND MISUSE

- Support provided to Ministries of Interior of North Macedonia and Kosovo and in **preparing awareness raising campaigns**;
- **Regional awareness raising campaign** “*Celebrate with Your Heart, not Your Gun*” - #DontBeLikeJoe



## PLANS FOR 2022

- Establishment of **regional Task Force**, enabling knowledge enhancement, information exchange and standardization of approaches.



**2.**

**WESTERN BALKANS SALW CONTROL  
ROADMAP - COORDINATION AND MONITORING**

# KEY RESULTS

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## ROADMAP COORDINATION

- In close cooperation with EU, Germany, France and the Western Balkans authorities:
  - **Two regional Roadmap coordination meetings** organized;
  - Support to the SALW Commissions in organizing **two rounds of local coordination meetings (12 in total)** provided;
  - **Bilateral meetings** held regularly with key implementing partners and donors to share information on progress, gaps and priorities on Roadmap implementation;
  - **A specific report** with contributions from international organizations on ongoing projects prepared and shared regularly in advance of the meetings;



# KEY RESULTS

## ROADMAP MONITORING

- **12 progress reports based on KPIs** and Roadmap goals prepared by the Western Balkan authorities received in 2021;
- **Dedicated support provided**, as needed, to SALW Commissions in the preparation of progress reports;
- **Two regional Roadmap monitoring reports** prepared and published, based on KPIs and seven Roadmap goals;



**KPI 11** Number of firearms and ammunition voluntarily surrendered, as well as firearms legislated or destroyed.

**BREAKDOWN:**

1. Number of firearms voluntarily surrendered;
2. Number of ammunition voluntarily surrendered;
3. Number of firearms legislated;
4. Number of firearms destroyed.

**DISPATCH:**

*Please do not include the following information:*

**Firearms:** In the context of this report, the term "firearms" is used to describe include (civilian firearms).

**Ammunition:** For the purpose of this report, the term "ammunition" is used to describe (complete rounds for small arms and light weapons, bullets or projectiles that are used in a firearm, IF ONLY NOT INCLUDE explosive shells, grenades and missiles for light weapons and rocket-propelled weapons with motor or shell for anti-aircraft and anti-armor systems).

**Other:** Other items that are not included (equipment of mounting or launching or other, bullet, rounds) other property by the action of a combination procedure, that cannot be readily returned to us, and that has been certified and destroyed by a competent authority.

**Source of information:** Public agencies

	Region	Progress	Police	Security	State	Other
Number of voluntarily surrendered firearms	4,775	25	0	379	223	0
Number of voluntarily surrendered ammunition (bullets)	N/A	284	0	2,128	4,800	0
Number of firearms legislated	0	0	0	86	0	0
Number of firearms destroyed	147	0	0	105	0	0

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Albania:** Legislation campaign was not conducted in the reporting period. Data were also not collected on the number of ammunition that citizens surrendered, which was legally obtained based on the issued permit, in the Republic of Albania. The number of ammunition issued on the issued weapons permit, from the market, due to non-compliance to stock and storage.

**Bosnia:** According to the legislation of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, all the citizens have the right to register and possess a certain number of legal weapons. According to the law on Weapons and concerning legal weapons, citizens have the opportunity, during legal, death or other reasons, to hand over their weapons to the Ministry of Interior, for which a procedure is then conducted to issue a certificate of possession of weapons.

**Montenegro:** There have been no firearms and ammunition that have voluntarily surrendered during the reporting period. No cases of firearms legislation. The process of firearms destruction has not started yet. The draft DCA on destruction has been prepared and is being consulted widely and among institutions to reach an agreement and approval. In the meantime, the Albanian State Police is preparing the information required to carry out the technical processes of firearms destruction.

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## ROADMAP COORDINATION AND MONITORING



- Organization of **two regional Roadmap coordination meetings**;
- Support to the SALW Commissions in organizing **two rounds of local coordination meetings**;
- **Two reports** with contributions from **international organizations** on ongoing projects to be shared in advance of the regional meetings;
- **Two regional Roadmap monitoring reports to be** prepared and published, based on inputs received from jurisdictions;
- **Support** to Western Balkans jurisdictions on the **preparation of Roadmap progress reports**.
- Conduct **mid-term evaluation** of Roadmap implementation.



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**2.1**

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



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

### OVERVIEW

- Funded by the Government of Germany;
- Volume: EUR 5.5mil (USD 6.2mil) earmarked to the UNDP Funding Window Governance for Inclusive and Peaceful Societies, for arms control activities;
- Implementing period: May 2019 – September 2022;
- Coordinated and overseen by UNDP SEESAC, and implemented by the six UNDP Offices in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia;
- 3 projects finalized implementation in 2021 (of which 1 finalized in 2019)
- 4 projects are currently under implementation, due to be completed in 2022;



## COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP (cont.)

### SEESAC's ROLE

- **Monitored** the implementation of the projects on a regular basis;
- **Provided assistance and technical support** to the UNDP Offices in the implementation of the projects;
- **Prepared consolidated progress reports**, based on reports submitted by the UNDP Offices;



## OVERVIEW OF KEY RESULTS

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- **Improved collection, analysis and storage of firearm-related crime evidence** through development of evidence management systems in the ballistic sectors in Albania and Serbia, and provision of training and equipment.
- **Strengthened capacities for combating illicit arms trafficking**, through provision of specialized equipment and training in BiH and Kosovo.
- **Improved collection and analysis of firearm-related data by the MoI**, through the upgrade of the weapon registration system in Kosovo, and the development of an information management system in North Macedonia.
- **Reduced risk of firearm proliferation and potential accidents** at the Rogame storage of the MoI Montenegro, through reconstruction works that increased the security of the storage.
- **Improved practices and procedures related to criminal justice response to SALW misuse in the context of domestic violence, set up basis for evidence-based policy making, and increased awareness on the impact and risk of firearms in domestic and gender-based violence** in Serbia through research, analysis, training, and awareness campaigns.



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- Continuation of the coordination and monitoring of the Regional Project, and the UNDP projects;
- Finalization of four (4) UNDP projects;
- Organization of the final evaluation;
- Project closure.



**2.2**

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



## OVERVIEW OF THE COORDINATION OF THE MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND

- **Established by UNDP, UNODC, and the MPTF Office** in March 2019 supporting the coordinated implementation of SALW control Roadmap;
- **Governed by a Steering Committee**; provides general oversight and overall accountability of the Fund; is chaired by the UNDP; consists of representatives of UNDP and UNODC; Germany, France, and the EU (as ex-officio members); other top three donors (currently UK, Netherlands, and Sweden), the Trust Fund Administrative Agent (MPTF Office, as an observer);
- **SEESAC ensure the functions of the Secretariat**; is not part of the Steering Committee and does not have the right to vote; does not receive funding from the Trust Fund for project implementation; responsible for the programmatic coordination and monitoring of the Fund's activities, providing technical and management support to the Steering Committee;
- **Two UN organizations are eligible to receive funding through the Trust Fund**: UNDP and UNODC

# CONTRIBUTIONS

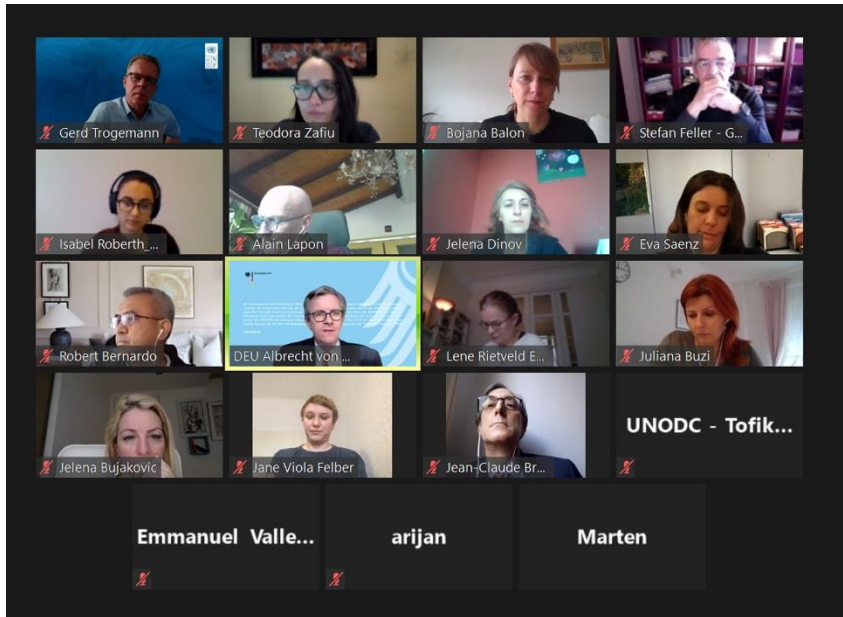
GERMANY	EUR 10.45 mil/ USD 11.95 mil
UK	GBP 2 mil/ USD 2.61 mil
NETHERLANDS	EUR 1.5 mil/ USD 2.32 mil
SWEDEN	SEK 21 mil/ USD 1.52 mil
FRANCE	EUR 1.9 mil/ USD 1.65 mil
NORWAY	NOK 10 mil/ USD 1.10 mil

**TOTAL contributions: USD 21.82 mil**

**\$5.92 mil USD in new contributions  
in 2021 from Germany (3.37mln),  
France (1.18mln), Sweden (0.80mln)  
and Norway (0.56mln)**

# KEY FUNCTIONS

## COORDINATION OF THE MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND



- **Provided assistance and technical support** as well as regular **monitoring** of projects under implementation (10 projects under implementation by UNDP and UNODC);
- **Prepared consolidated progress reports**, based on reports submitted by the Participating Organizations;
- **Supported organization of 5 meetings** of the Steering Committee, to approve one project proposal and four project revisions;
- **Informed about the Fund's activity in various meetings** to strengthen coordination and increase the Fund visibility;
- **Ensured that the Trust Fund operational documents are up to date**, and **monitored** their implementation;
- **Maintained partnerships with Trust Fund donors.**



## Trust Fund Projects under Implementation

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- 4 projects approved in the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for proposals (February 2020):
  - **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;

**Total approved budget: \$5.34 million**

## Trust Fund Projects under Implementation (cont.)

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- 6 projects approved in 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for project proposals (November 2020 and January 2021):
  - **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.

**Total approved budget: \$6.65 million**



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- Continue the coordination and monitoring of the Trust Fund projects, implemented by UNDP and UNODC;
- Implementation of the mid-term evaluation of the Trust Fund;
- Organize Annual Steering Committee meetings

**3.**

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



# KEY RESULTS

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- **Further strengthened regional cooperation of MoDs and AFs - Ministerial conference: *A Way Forward on Gender Equality in the Defence Sector in the Western Balkans*:**
  - Ministerial Declaration
  - **Second regional study on The Position of Women in the Armed Forces in the Western Balkans**
  - **Regional Manual on Combating Gender-based Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Abuse**

# KEY RESULTS

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- **Established Working Group for Integrating Gender in Military Education and Training** and development of *The Regional Baseline Study on Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Military Education and Training in the Defence Systems of the Western Balkan countries*;
- Raised gender awareness of high-ranking officials and commanding officers in MoDs and AFs through **four Gender Coach Programmes**;
- **Increased understanding of values of youth in the region affecting their career choices** - The Regional Online Youth Perception Survey;
- Increased capacities of MoDs for evidence-based and gender-responsive HR policies through the implementation of **19 small-scale projects developed by MoDs**.

# PLANS FOR 2022

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## Institutionalization of gender equality through continued support to the GEMs in the Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces in the Western Balkans

- Organize two(2) Regional Meetings of GEMs to enable information sharing and knowledge exchange;
- Support to capacity building of MoDs through small-scale projects;



## Strengthen capacities of Human Resources Departments in the MoDs to implement gender-responsive policies

- Support the implementation of the recommendations based on the findings of the second regional *Study the Position Women in the AFs in WB*;
- Support the MoDs to implement recommendations based on the results of the *Regional Youth Perception Survey – Values and Attitudes while considering future profession with specific emphasis on gender related aspects focusing on the career in the military in the Western Balkans*.

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## Increase response to gender-based discrimination through strengthening of internal complaints mechanisms

- Organize Regional workshop for the presentation of the Regional Manual for the prevention of Gender based violence and planning of activities at the national level;
- Support the development of SOPs at the national level for prevention of GBV in MoD and AF.



## Increase Gender Awareness in MoDs and AFs advanced through activities delivered by the Regional Network of Gender Trainers

- Organize a regional meeting of Gender Trainers;
- Organize 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional GToT hosted by MoD of North Macedonia.



# PLANS FOR 2022

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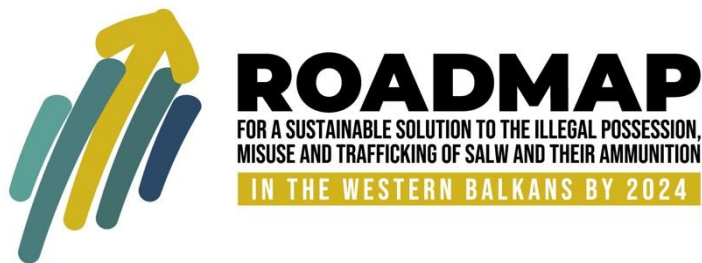
## Enhance Gender Mainstreaming into the Military Education and Training

- Finalize the Regional Baseline Study for integrating Gender into Military Education and follow up activities;
- Organize High-level Commanding officer gender awareness seminar;
- Organize up to two Gender coach programmes;
- Organize up to two Gender awareness workshops for teaching staff.



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# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



- The importance of regional efforts in SALW control and development of Roadmaps with specific timelines and targets was recognized in **UN Secretary General Report to Security Council (2021)**.
- In the Outcome document of the **7th Biennial Meeting of States (BMS) on Programme of Action** the states undertook to “recognize the existing roadmaps” and committed “to consider establishment of voluntary national and regional targets”, much like the Western Balkan countries have done through the KPIs and Roadmap Goals.
- On the occasion of the 7th BMS, the **UN Coordinating Action on Small Arms (CASA)** also singled out the good practices implemented in the Western Balkans:

*“The Western Balkans Roadmap with its seven goals and 14 Key Performance Indicators has been an example of an integrated response supported by a comprehensive coordination and monitoring mechanism, already used as a best practice for a similar approach in the European Union, the Caribbean and West Africa.”*



- Upon UNLIREC's request, SEESAC continued **to share the good practices from the Western Balkans** on the **Roadmap monitoring and coordination platform** in dedicated meetings;
- **SEESAC provided support to the Flemish Peace Institute** in developing a platform to keep track of firearms-related incidents in the EU Member States, similar to the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform;
- Based on FRONTEX's request, support was provided, in the development of the **Handbook on firearms for border guards and customs** for Western Balkans jurisdictions.



# PARTNERSHIPS

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- European Union: EEAS, DG HOME, DG NEAR, Europol, EMPACT, Frontex, EUROPOL, 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)
- Women Police Officers Networks
- Nordic Center for Gender in Military Operations

# PARTNERSHIPS



- 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)
- PCC SEE Secretariat
- 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
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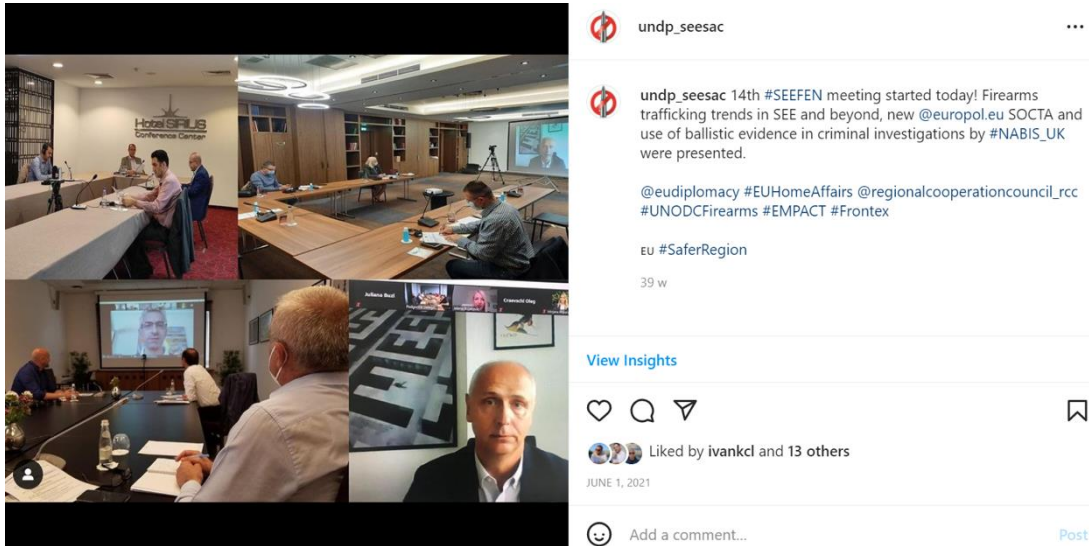
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