

A background image showing a close-up of numerous silver bullets, some pointed and some with casing, scattered across the frame.

# REGIONAL STEERING GROUP MEETING

SEESAC 2022 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS FOR 2023

Online  
7 March 2023

# 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, analysis and monitoring of progress



Support donor coordination

# **STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION**

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



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# **REGIONAL OVERVIEW**

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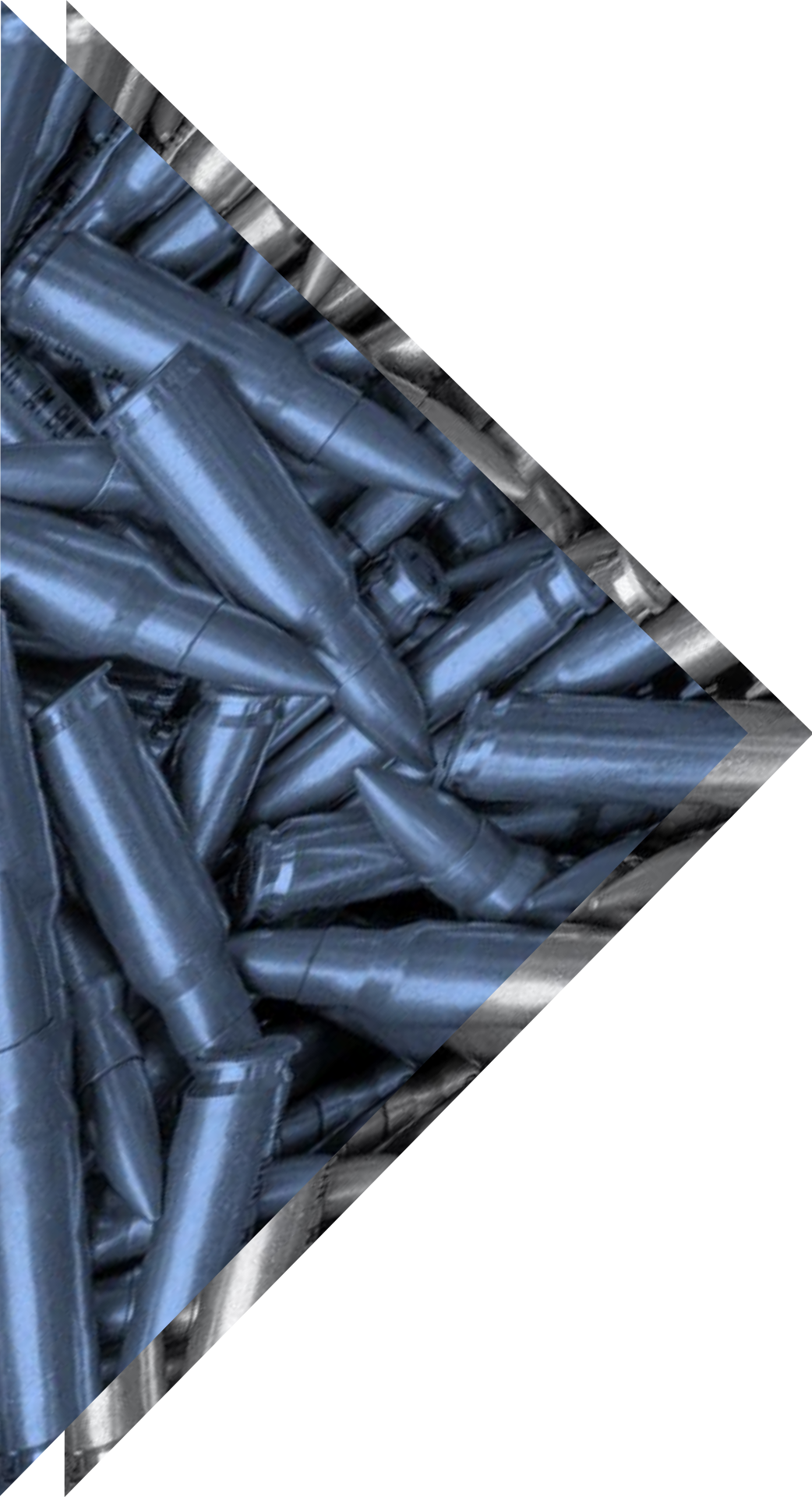
# REGIONAL OVERVIEW

## 2022

- Commitment to the implementation of all activities was demonstrated by all jurisdictions, despite the challenges posed by fragile socio-political situation in several jurisdictions, but also the impact of the crisis in Ukraine.
  - All jurisdictions reported continued work in amending their legal framework on firearms, ammunition and explosives towards its further harmonization with the EU Acquis.
  - Regional cooperation on SALW control deepened at both a strategic and operational level across South East and East Europe through exchange of know-how, information and experiences.
  - Activities related to prevention and countering illicit possession and trafficking of firearms continued in all jurisdictions.
  - Throughout the region, ongoing efforts, at both the policy and law enforcement levels, to enhance ballistic capacities to support the investigations of firearm-related crimes were reported.
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# REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2022

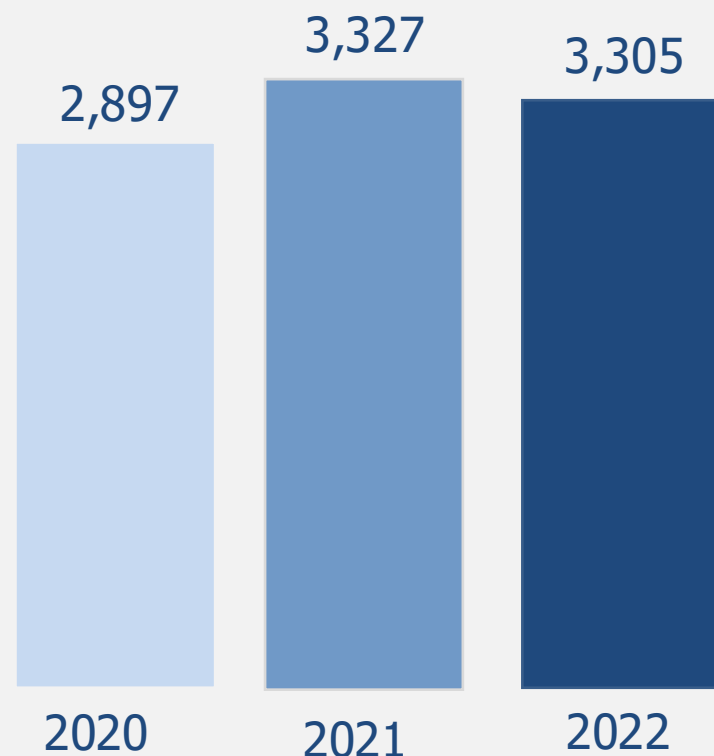
- Planning or implementation of awareness raising of the dangers related to the misuse and illicit possession of firearms/SALW were reported in all jurisdictions.
- Reduction of illicit firearms through legalization and voluntary surrender continued to be limited.
- The authorities reported limited destruction of weapons collected through confiscations and through voluntary surrender.
- Improvement of security infrastructure of storages and evidence rooms reported ongoing in several jurisdictions for both armed forces and law enforcement agencies.



# REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2022

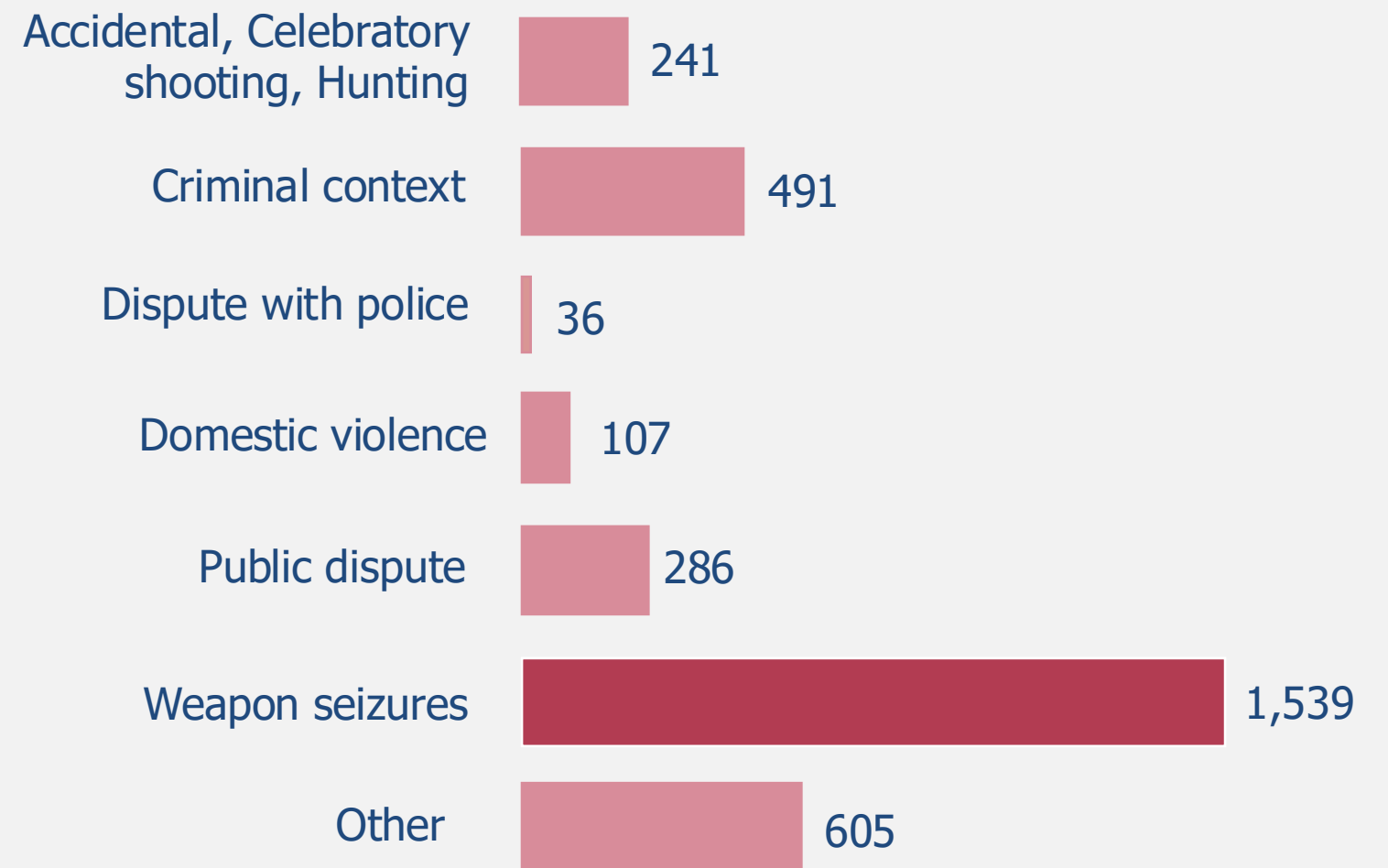
## Armed Violence Monitoring Platform

### Firearm incidents by year



Stable trend.

### Types of firearm incidents in 2022

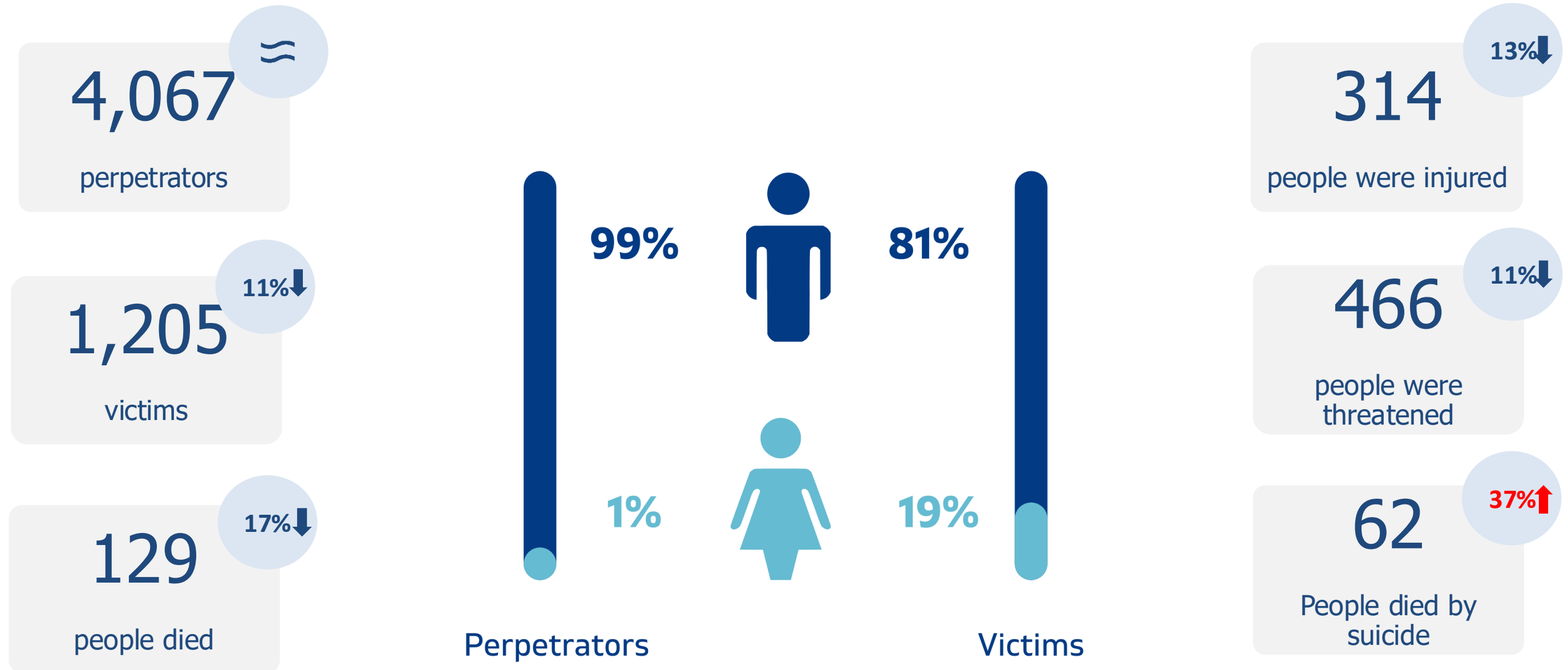


47% of all firearm incidents were weapon seizures.

# REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2022

## Armed Violence Monitoring Platform

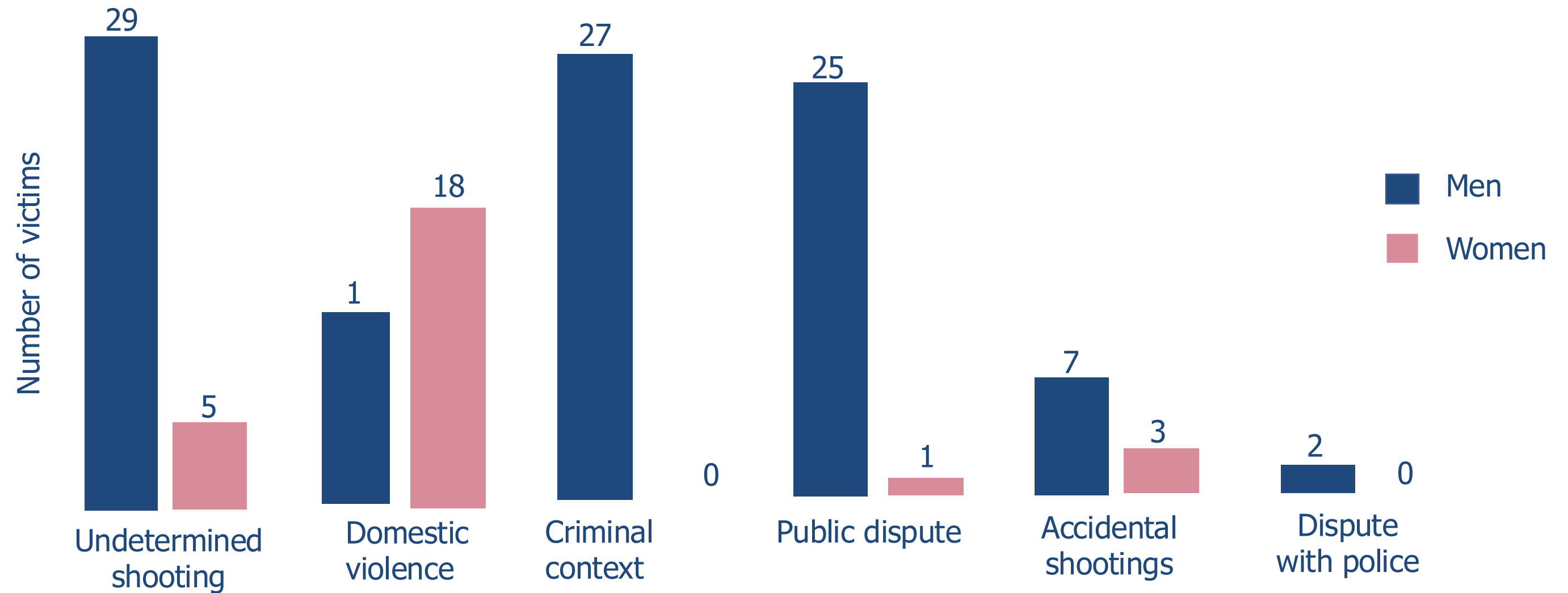
### Perpetrators, Victims and Outcomes



# REGIONAL OVERVIEW 2022

## Armed Violence Monitoring Platform

Fatalities by type of incident and sex



## PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION BY SEESAC 2018-2024

### **EU Council Decision 2022/2321 – ongoing**

Support of SEESAC for the implementation of the regional roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans and to disarmament and arms control activities in South-East and East Europe ..... USD 4.2 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** – ongoing

Support to enhancing the fight against the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW in the Western Balkans ..... USD 6 million

### **US DEPARTMENT OF STATE** – ongoing

for continued infrastructure upgrade works in Albania and Serbia ..... USD 3.1 million

### **NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS** – ongoing

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

### **SLOVAK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS** – ongoing

Gender mainstreaming in SSR (phase II) ..... USD 0.4 million

### **EU COUNCIL DECISION 2022/1654 and 2021/2161 amending CD 2018/1788** – finalized

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



SEESAC Budget **2023 USD 9 million**, delivery in 2022 USD 5.5 million



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

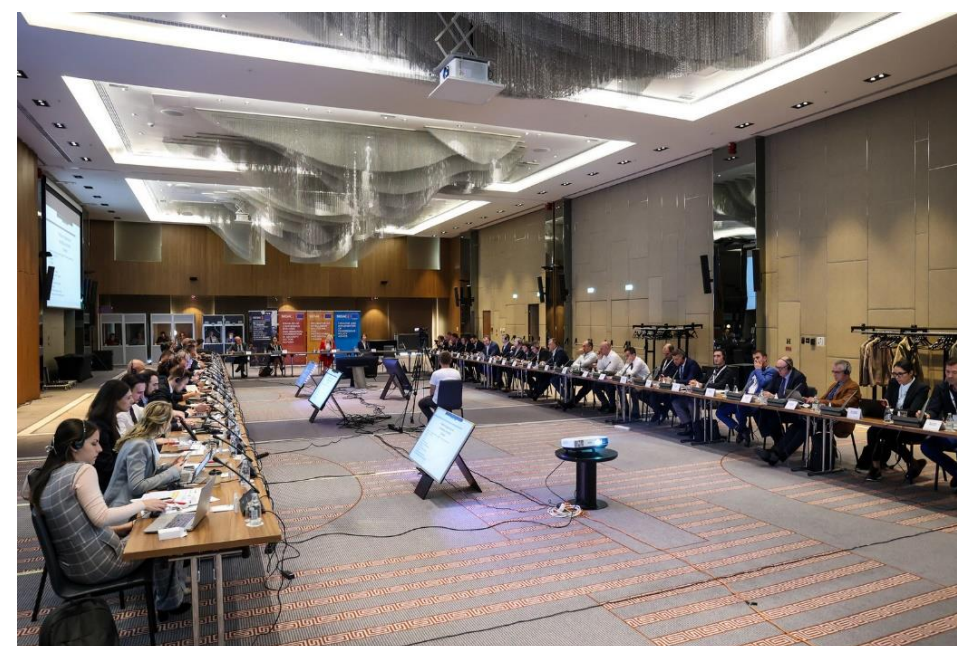
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# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Two (2) regional meetings of **SALW Commissions** were held, with the participation of representatives of the Western Balkans jurisdictions, Moldova, and Ukraine.
- Two (2) meetings of the **Southeast Europe Firearms Experts Network (SEEFEN)** were held, attended by the representatives of the Western Balkans jurisdictions, Moldova and Ukraine.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- Facilitate **regional cooperation** at strategic and operational levels through **SALW Commissions** regional platform and the **SEEFEN** network.
- Facilitate outreach of the Roadmap among parliamentarians through a **regional workshop**, in cooperation with the Parliamentary Forum on SALW.

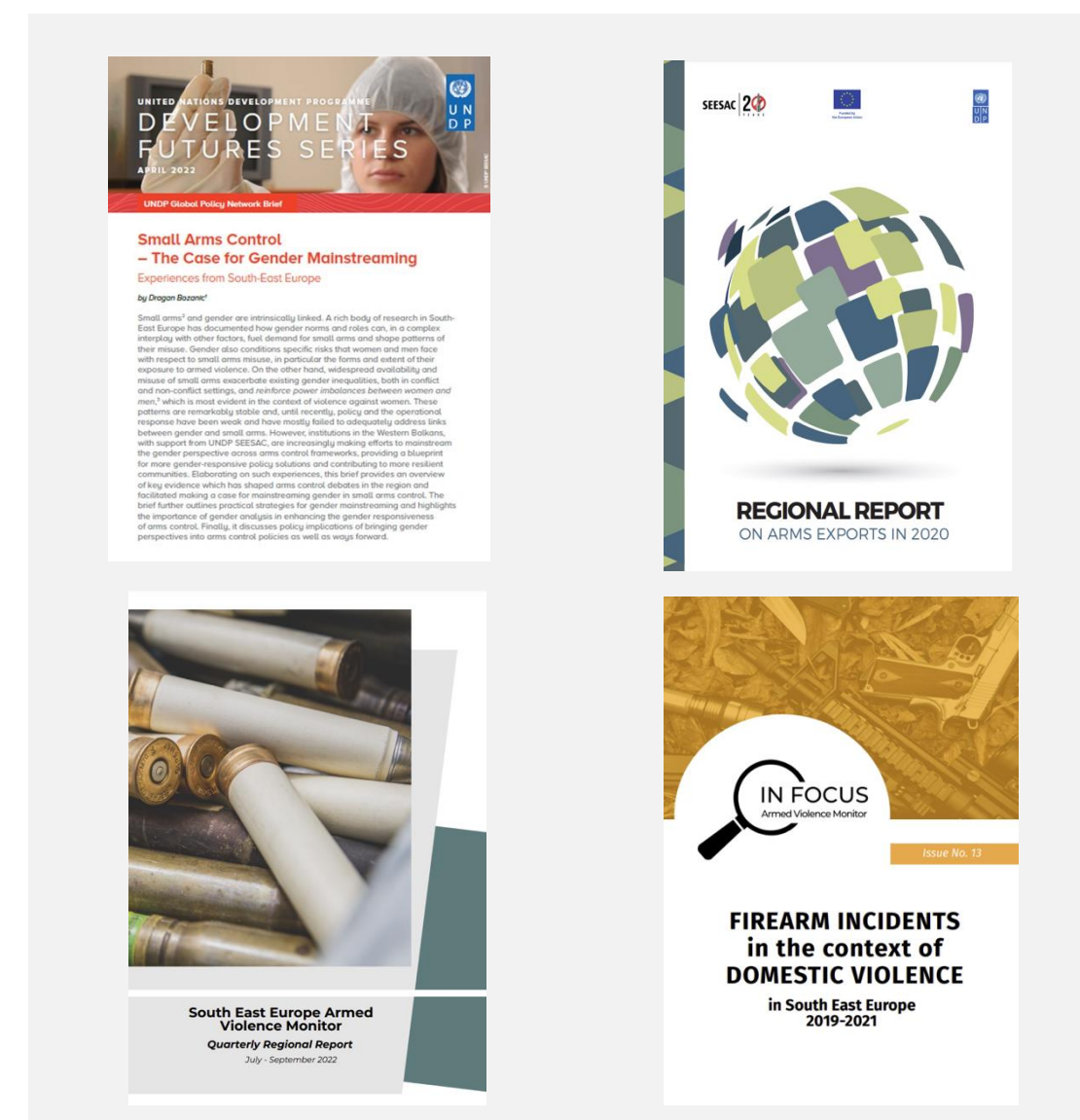


# KEY RESULTS 2022

## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

### KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

- Four (4) **Quarterly Armed Violence Monitor Reports** and six (6) **In-Focus Armed Violence Monitors**.
- **Regional Report on Arms Exports 2020**.
- **A knowledge product on hand grenades**.
- Policy brief **“Small Arms Control – Case for Gender mainstreaming”**.
- **Guidance for Gender Analysis** was **published** and **translated** into Spanish, French and Ukrainian.
- Methodology for the **research on factors fueling demand for firearms and shaping risk-taking behaviors**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

**Ongoing support to SALW Commissions** in the **implementation** of their **mandate through:**

- **Training in media, communication and outreach delivered** for two SALW Commission members in North Macedonia.
- **English language courses** for the **SALW Commission members** in North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Moldova were organized.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

- **Enhance capacities of SALW Commissions** through targeted training sessions and the provision of technical and advisory support.
- **Support data collection, reporting and analysis** on small arms and light weapons.
- **Publication of Quarterly and In-focus monitors** on armed violence trends, as well as **Arms Export Report**.
- Conduct regional **research** on factors fueling demand for firearms and risk-taking behaviors.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS - mainstreaming gender in small arms control

- **Gender-screening** of the legal and policy framework on arms control was **finalized in five jurisdictions**.
- Regional analysis of **institutional response to the misuse of firearms** was initiated.
- Regional working groups for the development of two (2) **practical tools for police officers** were established.
- A **Gender Coach Programme** for the Deputy Minister of Interior of Albania was conducted.
- Training conducted in Pristina **on gender responsive SALW control** for members of the SALW Commission and representatives of the Ministry of Interior.
- A regional **analysis of women's participation in SALW control** was initiated.

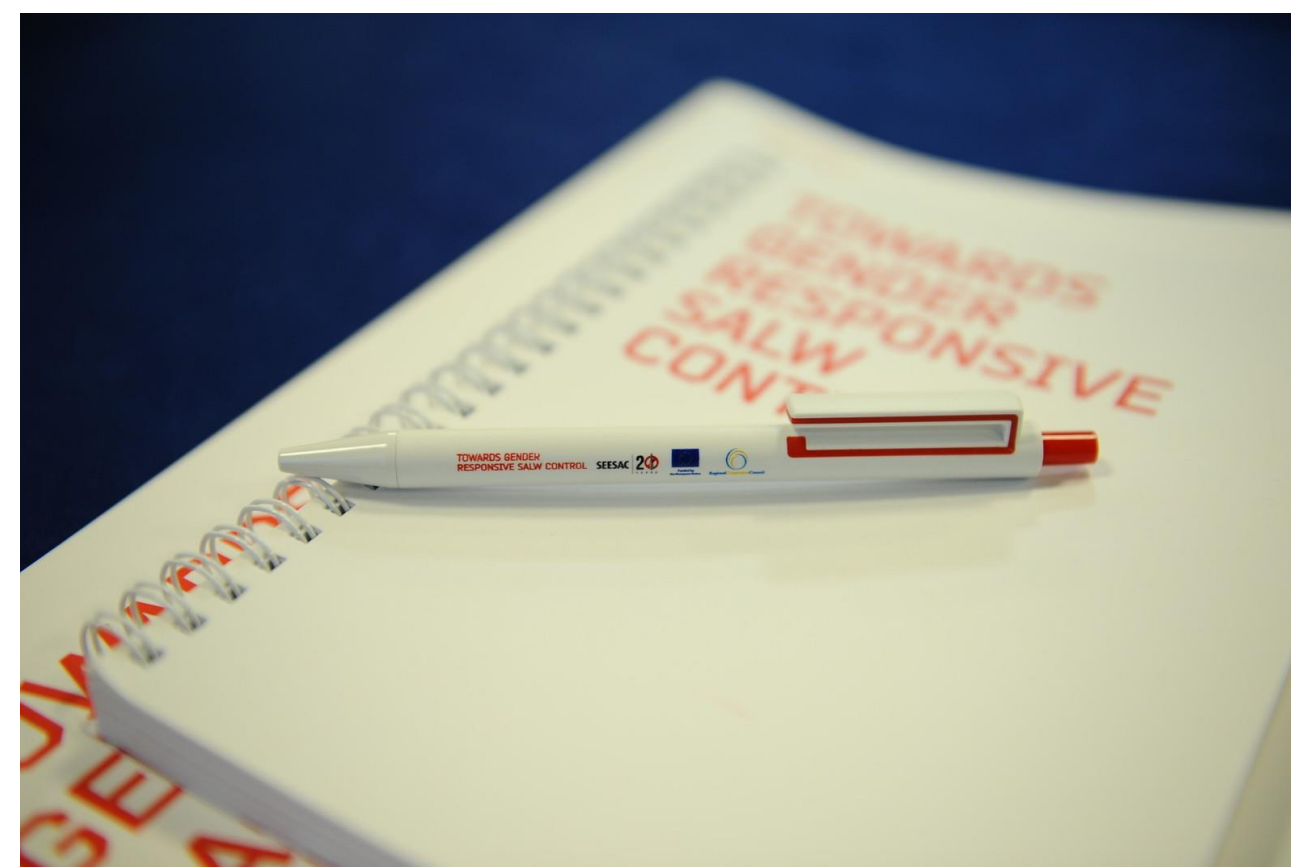


# PLANS FOR 2023

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## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS - mainstreaming gender in small arms control.

- Provide **on-demand consultative support** to authorities to **mainstream gender in SALW control**.
- Finalize the regional **Analysis of Women's Participation in SALW Control**.
- Collect the **data for the analysis of the misuse of firearm in domestic violence**.
- **Finalize** the two practical tools to address the **firearms risks in domestic violence** and **for gender-sensitive firearm licensing**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## HARMONIZATION OF ARMS CONTROL LEGISLATION

- **On-demand advisory and expert support on legislative and policy updates** was provided.
- **Regional workshop on harmonization of legislation** on SALW control with EU Acquis organized.
- The **gap analysis on the harmonization level** of the existing legislation on **explosives' precursors** in North Macedonia with the EU regulatory framework and international best practice in this field was **finalized**.
- A **workshop on drafting the new Law on Explosives for Civil use** were **organized in two (2) jurisdictions**, as well as well as several **workshops on harmonization of the legal framework on arms control with the EU Acquis** in three (3) jurisdictions.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## HARMONIZATION OF ARMS CONTROL LEGISLATION

- Provide **on-demand advisory** and **expert support** on **legislative and policy** updates.
- Organize the annual **Regional workshop on harmonization of legislation** on SALW control.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Criminal Police

- **Needs Assessments Reports** on the capacities of the criminal police services to counter illicit possession and trafficking of firearms were **finalized** for six (6) jurisdictions and are **endorsed** by the relevant authorities.
- **Needs assessment** of the Moldovan criminal police service was **conducted**.
- **Regional meeting** of **criminal police** representatives was **held**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Criminal Police

- **Workshops** on the development of **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for the criminal police of
  - Albania,
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina,
  - Montenegro,
  - North Macedonia, and
  - Serbia

were **organized**, resulting in **SOPs drafting**.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Criminal Police

- Finalize **SOPs** and have them **endorsed by five (5) Criminal Police** services.
- Initiate and finalize **procurement of equipment** for six (6) criminal police services.
- Organize **the Regional meeting for criminal police**.



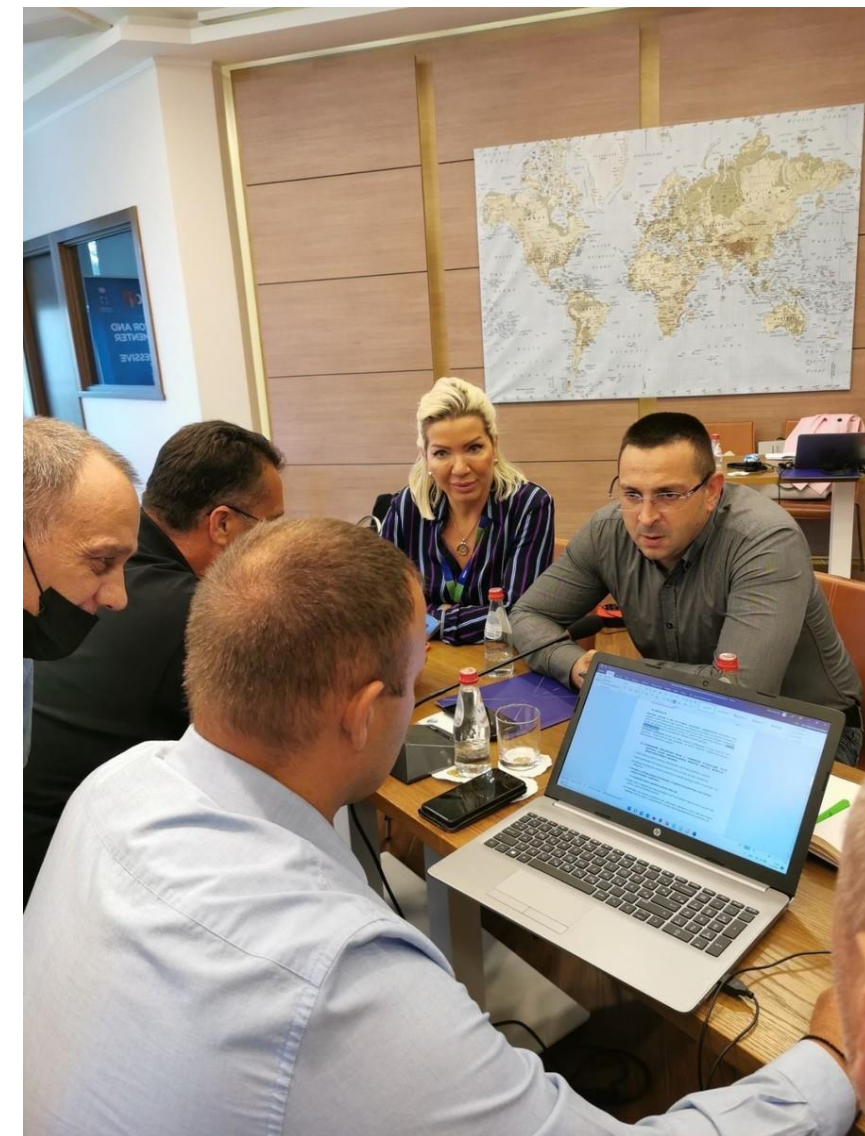
# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Border Police

- **SOPs for the border police services of**
  - Montenegro,
  - North Macedonia, and
  - Serbiawere **finalized and endorsed.**



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Border Police

- **Regional meeting of the border police and customs** representatives was **held**.
- **Technical specifications** for the procurement of the **equipment** for the border police services of Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro were **finalized and endorsed** by authorities; the **procurement** process is **ongoing**.
- Development of the **handbook for border guards and customs** for the Western Balkans jointly with Frontex is **approaching completion**.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR COUNTERING ILLICIT ARMS TRAFFICKING

### Border Police

- Provide **equipment** for suppression of illicit arms trafficking for border services in **four (4) jurisdictions**;
- Organize **one (1) regional workshop** for border services;
- Organize the **Regional meeting** of the **border police** and **customs representatives**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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

- On-demand **support to the operationalization of the Firearms Focal Points (FFPs)** was provided to all jurisdictions, through various **capacity development** activities, procurement of **specialized equipment** and provision of **technical advice**.
- **Annual Regional workshop of FFPs** was held in the Hague in cooperation with EMPACT and DG HOME.
- Meeting with the **members of the Task Force** and relevant **authorities in BIH** on the **FFP establishment** was held, resulting in an **agreed-on modality**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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

- **Regional workshops on weapon serial number restoration** were held.
- **Regional training on critical thinking skills and analytical capacities** was delivered.
- **Regional open-source intelligence training** was delivered, followed by **cyber patrolling** exercise with EMPACT.
- **Cyber patrolling training** as a preparatory activity for JAD was **organized**.
- Advanced module of the **Analyst's training** for the representatives of the FFP in North Macedonia was **organized**.
- Regional **training on gender analysis & gender-sensitive** data collection was **conducted**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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

- An **expert visit** of the **Albanian FFP representatives** to the National Ballistic Intelligence Service (**NABIS**) in the United Kingdom was **organized**.
- A **visit** was organized for the **Moldovan FFP representatives** to the **Serbian Agency** for testing, stamping and marking of weapons, devices, and ammunition.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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

- **Standard Operating Procedures** were **developed** for FFPs through workshops in
  - North Macedonia
  - Albania
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Serbia, and
  - Montenegro



# PLANS FOR 2023

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

- Provide **technical assistance** and **expertise** to FFPs.
- Organize the **Annual regional workshop for FFPs** from the Western Balkans.
- Finalize **SOPs** for FFPs and have them endorsed in **five (5) jurisdictions**.
- Initiate **capacity development** of **FFPs** through support for establishing the **Open Case File** in relevant jurisdictions.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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

- Initiate **providing outreach of FFPs'** towards **investigators, prosecutors, ballistic labs and relevant superiors.**
- Organize the **Regional social media intelligence training.**



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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

### Crime Scene Investigations (CSI)

- **Regional workshop on crime scene investigation** was organized.
- **Regional meeting on knowledge and the best practice exchange in the field of ballistic examination and ballistic intelligence** was held with NABIS.
- The initial **assessment of CSI units in the Western Balkans** was conducted in four jurisdictions.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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

### Crime Scene Investigations

- Complete the **assessment of CSI units** in two (2) jurisdictions.
- Organize a **Regional workshop on photography and custody chain**.
- Provide **CSI equipment based on the assessment results**.
- Support the **drafting of SOP** and **harmonization** with ENFSI best practices where needed.
- Develop **QMS guideline/manual** in accordance with 17020 standard, where needed.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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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.
- Construction of a **SALW laser-marking machine operating room** at the Albanian State Police (ASP) Mullet central SALW and ammunition storage location.
- Security upgrade of **two evidence rooms** at the local police directorates of Tirana and Korca, and **procurement of fifty SALW safekeeping cabinets** for the Albanian State Police.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- **Upgrade works** were **initiated** at the **Duvaniste storage location**.
- **CCTV equipment** for **three evidence rooms** located in one jurisdiction was **purchased** (Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- **Surveys** were **conducted** at **one storage location (Moldova)** and **nine (9) evidence rooms** of the police authorities in **three (3) jurisdictions** (Moldova, North Macedonia and Serbia).
- A 5-day **field visit** of a team of experts was made to nine (9) **MoI storages** in North Macedonia to assess the risk of unexpected explosions.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- A **proficient level national course on physical and stockpile management of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition** was **held** for experts of the Serbian Ministry of Interior.
- **Regional workshop on ammunition surveillance** was **organized** in Podgorica jointly by SEESAC and RACVIAC.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- Complete **security upgrade** of one (1) **storage location** (Duvaniste).
- Increase **security** of up to **ten (10) evidence rooms**.
- Destroy **up to 7,000** pieces of **conventional weapons**.
- Organize one (1) **regional thematic workshop** on **ammunition stockpile management**.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

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

- The **Terms of Reference for the Western Balkans Regional Awareness-raising Task Force (RAR Task Force)** were developed.
- **Task Force was established** with the aim of diversifying the use of awareness raising tools and strengthening institutional capacities to use them.
- **Two meetings** of the **Task Force** were **held** allowing facilitating exchange of information and experiences, as well as improvement and standardization of practices.
- A multi-lingual, social media-based, regional campaign **“Celebrate with your Heart - #BethestaroftheParty”** was launched.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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

- Ensure **knowledge enhancement, information exchange** and **standardization of approaches** through organization of **two (2) bi-Annual regional Task Force meetings**.
- Organize a **regional training for journalists on GBV and SALW**.
- Conduct a **Regional analysis of media coverage of GBV** incidents where SALW was used.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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

- Develop **Guidelines for MoI's/police services** on more **effective communication** with the **media**.
- Initiate the **update** of **SASP Guidelines**.
- Provide **support** to the implementation of **local campaigns** at jurisdiction level per request.





**3.**

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

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# KEY RESULTS 2022

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## ROADMAP COORDINATION

- In close cooperation with EU, Germany, France and the Western Balkans authorities:
  - **Two (2) regional Roadmap coordination meetings** were **organized**.
  - **Support** was **provided** to the **SALW Commissions** in organizing **two rounds of local coordination meetings** (12 in total).
  - **Bilateral meetings** were **held** regularly with key implementing partners and donors.
  - A **specific report** with **contributions from international organizations** was **shared** regularly in advance of the meetings.



# KEY RESULTS 2022

## ROADMAP MONITORING

- Support was provided in preparation of 12 progress reports based on KPIs and Roadmap goals submitted by the Western Balkan authorities.
- Two (2) semi-annual regional progress reports were prepared, based on KPIs and seven Roadmap goals.



# KEY RESULTS

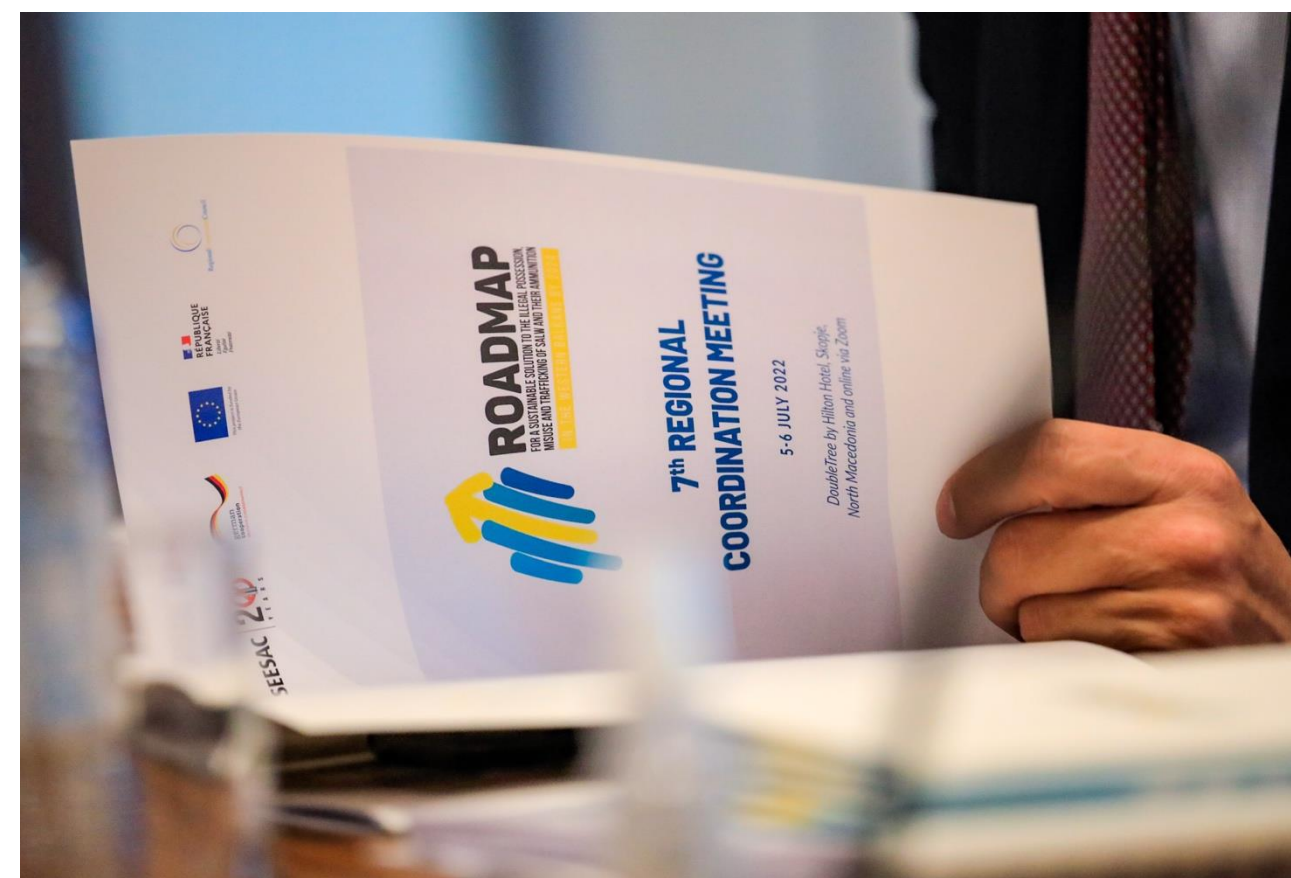
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## ROADMAP MID-TERM REVIEW (MTR)

- **Mid-term review of the Roadmap** implementation was conducted.

The objective of the MTR was to:

- “...provide a **thorough understanding of the progress** made by the Western Balkans authorities in achieving the goals of the roadmap and in establishing sustainable capacities for the illegal possession, misuse, and trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW) and their ammunition. The findings and recommendations generated by the review will be used by the Roadmap’s WB authorities to have a better understanding of the progress and gaps”.



# KEY RESULTS

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## MID-TERM REVIEW (MTR) KEY FINDINGS

- Roadmap is relevant to regional SALW control challenges, to jurisdictions, and to the EU.
- Sends a strong signal of cooperation between WB jurisdictions and with external partners.
- Levels of coordination and cooperation have increased, showing early signs of impact.
- Progress towards each goal is mostly on track, despite external challenges (including Covid -19).
- More progress in some areas (policy and administrative mechanism) than others (public attitudes).
- Some stakeholder groups more active (police, MoI, prosecutors) than others (judges, MoD).
- An early decision on what follows is strongly encouraged.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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## ROADMAP COORDINATION AND MONITORING

- Organize **two (2) regional Roadmap coordination meetings**.
- Support the **organization of two rounds of local Roadmap coordination meetings in up to six (6) jurisdictions** (up to 12 meetings in total).
- Develop and publish **two (2) biannual regional progress reports**, based on inputs received from jurisdictions.
- Maintain the **online platform** to ensure **proper outreach** and **visibility of the Roadmap**.





**3.1**

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

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

## OVERVIEW

- 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 – February 2023.
- Coordinated and overseen by UNDP SEESAC, and implemented through sub-projects by the six UNDP Offices in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.
- One (1) UNDP sub-project completed in 2019, three (3) completed in 2021, remaining four (4) completed in 2022.
- Final evaluation of the regional project commissioned in Q4 2022, to be completed within February 2023.



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

## 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.
- **Coordinated final evaluation** of the regional project.
- **Liaised and facilitated decision-making** by the Project Board.

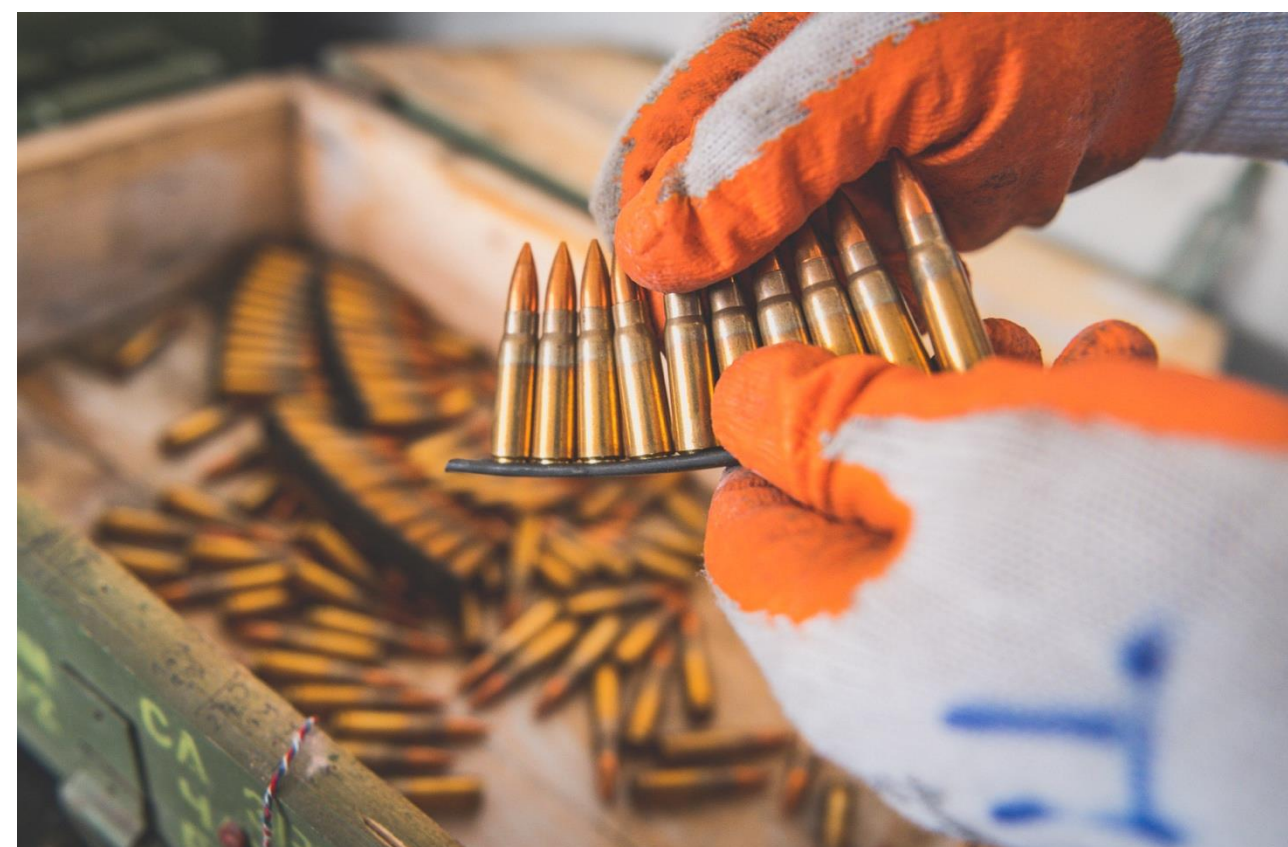


# OVERVIEW OF KEY RESULTS

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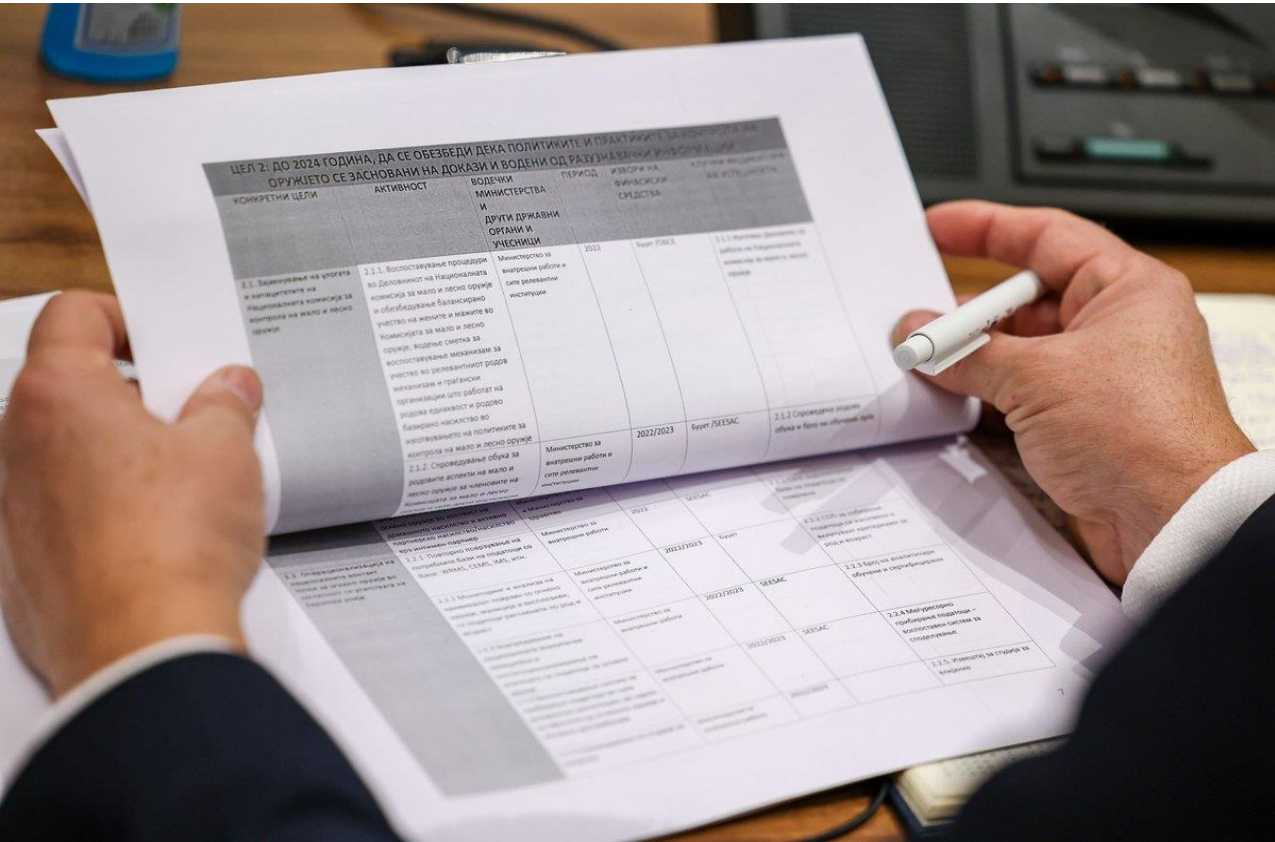
## In 2022:

- Improved **technical capacities** for crime scene and ballistic investigations.
- Ensured a **more effective and standardized approach** in countering of illicit arms trafficking.
- Improved **firearm-related data collection and management** as well as the **operational information exchange**.
- Ensured **development of knowledge products and resources** for a longer term and sustainable effect.



# PLANS FOR 2023

- **Closure of the Roadmap projects** by the UNDP Offices.
- **Finalization of the coordination and monitoring of the Regional Project**, and the UNDP projects.
- **Completion of the final evaluation of the project** (by end of February 2023).
- **Project closure.**





**3.2**

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

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# OVERVIEW OF THE COORDINATION OF THE MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND (MPTF)

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- **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 ensures 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.



GERMANY

EUR 11.25 mil/ USD 12.80 mil

SWEDEN

SEK 27.0 mil/ USD 2.91 mil

UK

GBP 2.0 mil/ USD 2.61 mil

FRANCE

EUR 2.3 mil/ USD 2.60 mil

NETHERLANDS

EUR 1.5 mil/ USD 1.65 mil

NORWAY

NOK 15.0 mil/ USD 1.61 mil

TOTAL contributions: USD 24.18 mil

\$2.35 mil USD in new contributions in 2022:  
from Germany (0.85mln), France (0.41mln),  
Sweden (0.59mln) and Norway (0.51mln)

# KEY FUNCTIONS

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## COORDINATION OF THE MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND

- **Provided assistance and technical support** as well as regular **monitoring** of projects under implementation (13 projects under implementation in 2022 by UNDP and UNODC, additional three (3) approved to commence as of 2023).
- **Prepared consolidated progress reports**, based on reports submitted by the Participating Organizations.
- **Supported organization of seven (7) meetings** of the Steering Committee, to review and decide on the Fund's direction and operations, new project proposals and 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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- Four (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

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- Six (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**



# Trust Fund Projects approved for funding in 2022

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- Six (6) projects approved in 2022 within the Direct Solicitation for Proposals modality:
  - **Reduce Risk - Increase Safety II**, UNDP Serbia.
  - **Digitalization and Institutional and Regional Cooperation Project (DIRC)**, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina.
  - **Increased Security of the Arms Depots Under the Administration of the Albanian State Police**, UNDP Albania.
  - **Improvement of Data and SALW Collection Practices and SALW Related Investigations**, UNDP North Macedonia.
  - **Support to Firearms related Investigations**, UNDP Kosovo.
  - **Countering Trafficking in Firearms, their parts and ammunition in Express Courier and Postal Parcels: Project HERMES, Phase 1**, UNODC.

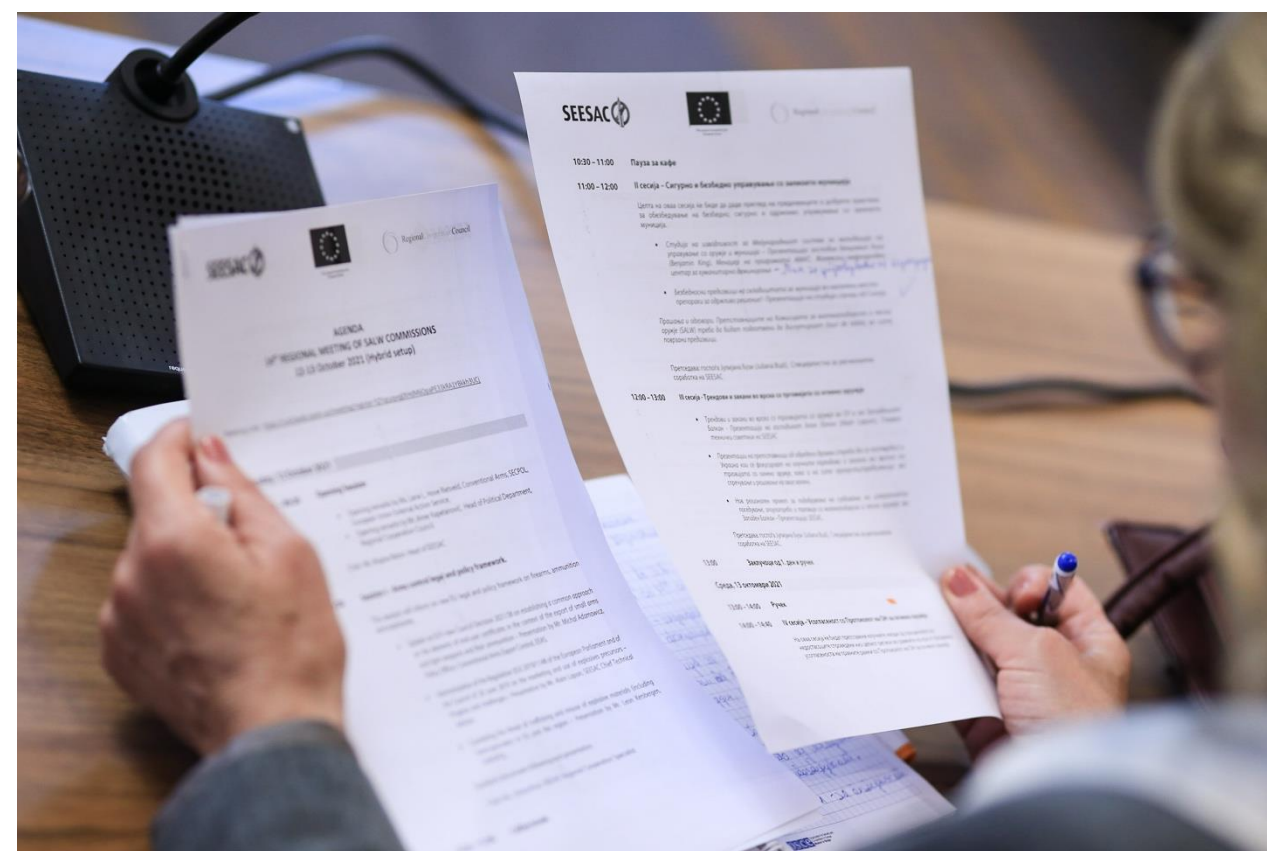


**Total approved budget: \$2.62 million**

# PLANS FOR 2023

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- Finalize the **mid-term evaluation of the Trust Fund** and implement recommendations, as feasible.
- Organize **Steering Committee meetings** and facilitate decision-making.
- Launch the **3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals**, technical review and approval process.
- Continue the **coordination and monitoring** of all Trust Fund projects, implemented by UNDP and UNODC.





**4.**

## **MAINSTREAMING GENDER INTO THE SECURITY SECTOR**

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# KEY RESULTS

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- The **regional cooperation platform on gender in the military continued** functioning as the backbone of the project - **14th** and **15th** Regional Meetings of Gender Equality Mechanisms (GEM) in the MoDs and AFs gathered decision makers, high-level military officers, and gender advisers to share knowledge, network, and plan.
- A **greater understanding of the importance of incorporating a gender perspective into defence** through the development of the *Regional Baseline Study on Integrating a Gender Perspective in Military Education and Training* - a unique regional knowledge tool developed by MoDs to assess and map the way how to standardize learning and mainstream gender in military education and training curricula.



# KEY RESULTS

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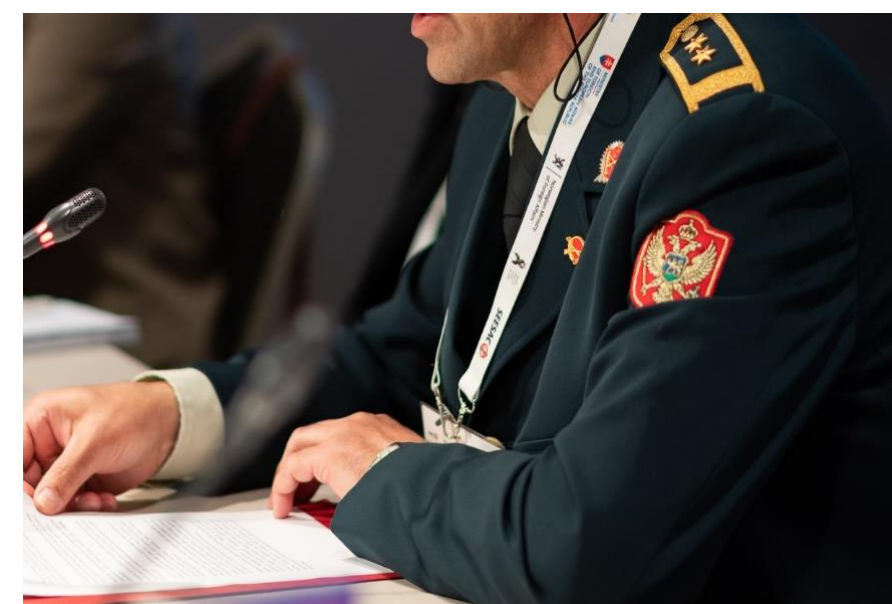
- **Strengthened capabilities for gender-responsive and evidence-based policy development** based on the findings and recommendations of the **Regional Youth Perception Survey**. MoDs designed recruitment campaigns considering the Survey findings to enable equal access and participation of both women and men, in line with WPS.
- **Internal capacities of MoDs were increased to efficiently respond to gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, and abuse** through the implementation of demand-driven country-level small-scale projects. In 2022, SEESAC **supported 12 tailor-made small-scale projects prepared by the MoDs**.



# KEY RESULTS

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- The **capacities of the MoDs to deliver gender training** were **strengthened** by **expanding the Regional Network of Gender Trainers**, with additional 17 certified trainers upon completion of the 3rd Regional Gender Training of Trainers Course.
- **Raised gender awareness of high-ranking officials and commanding officers in MoDs and AFs** through three Gender Coach Programmes.
- The **Regional Network of Gender Trainers platform continued functioning** – the 6th Regional meeting enabled information sharing, knowledge exchange, and planning in person after two years of hybrid meetings.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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- **Advance gender equality through continued support to the regional platform of GEMs in the MoDs and AFs.**
  - Organize one (1) Regional meeting of GEMs to enable information sharing and knowledge exchange.
  - Organize the 1st Regional meeting of GENADs and coordinators for gender equality in the MoDs.
  - Provide support to capacity building of MoDs through small-scale projects.
- **Further increase MoDs capacities to develop and implement gender-responsive policies and efficiently respond to gender-based discrimination.**
  - Support the MoDs to implement recommendations based on the results of knowledge tools and surveys.



# PLANS FOR 2023

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- **Enhance MoDs knowledge for gender mainstreaming in military education and training.**
  - Support MoDs to implement recommendations of the Regional Baseline Study to integrate a gender perspective and standardize education and training.
  - Strengthen gender-responsive military leadership – through the Gender Coach Programme and organization of a regional high-level commanding officer panel discussion.





**5.**

## **GLOBAL FOOTPRINT**

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# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

- Based on FRONTEX's request, support was provided, in the **development of the Handbook on firearms for border guards and customs** for Western Balkans.
- At the request of UNRCPD, SEESAC supported the delivery of the **training on mainstreaming gender in small arms control** in Bangladesh.
- SEESAC is part of the informal coordination **mechanism on gender and SALW** led by UNODA.
- SEESAC regularly **contributes to the European Firearms Experts (EFE) network and EMPACT**.
- EMPACT was **supported** in preparation of the intelligence phase and the **Joint Action Days** organized in cooperation with EUROPOL.
- SEESAC provides support to the **Internal Security Fund (ISF)-funded projects**: FOCAL – SF and REGISYNC.



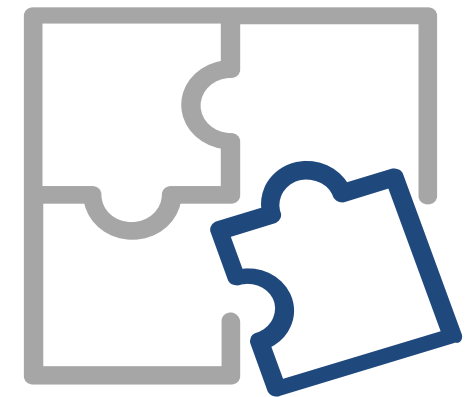
# PARTNERSHIPS

- European Union: EEAS, DG HOME, DG NEAR, Europol, EMPACT, Frontex, EUROPOL, EUFOR, European Firearms Experts Group
- Regional Cooperation Council
- 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 (UNRCPD)
- UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNRILEC)
- UNWOMEN
- Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)/ NSPA
- The International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
- DCAF (Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance),
- National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS)
- Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Nordic Center for Gender in Military Operation




# PARTNERSHIPS

- RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation
- Flemish Peace Institute
- NABIS
- Swiss FFP
- Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD)
- International Trust Fund (ITF) Enhancing Human Security
- Enhancing Human Security
- Small Arms Survey
- Conflict Armament Research
- PCC SEE Secretariat
- Mines Advisory Group (MAG)
- HALO Trust
- REXA
- REGISYNC
- PAMECA
- Swedish Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons,
- Southeast European Law Enforcement Center SELEC
- GENSAC



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