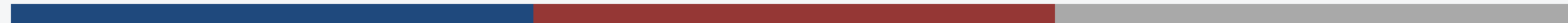




# REGIONAL STEERING GROUP MEETING

SEESAC 2023 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS FOR 2024

Online  
7 March 2024



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



# 1. Monitoring Trends

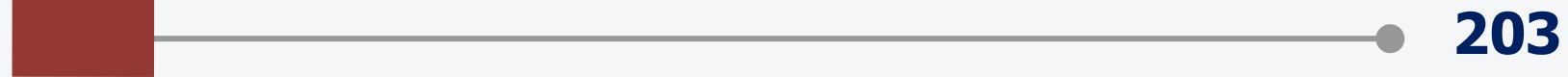


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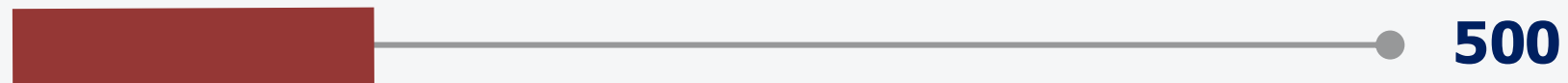
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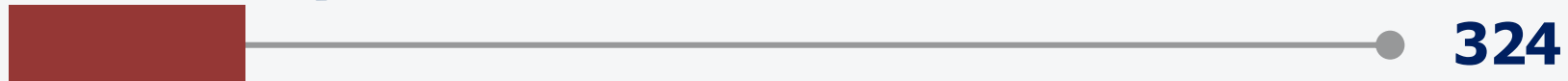
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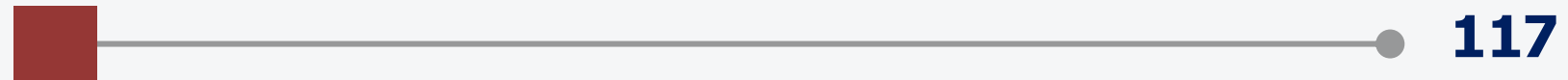
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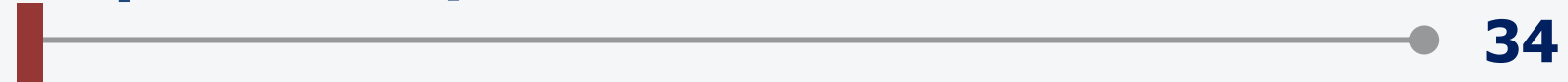
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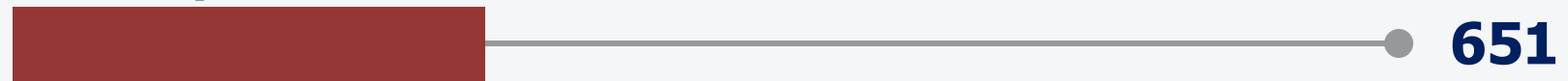
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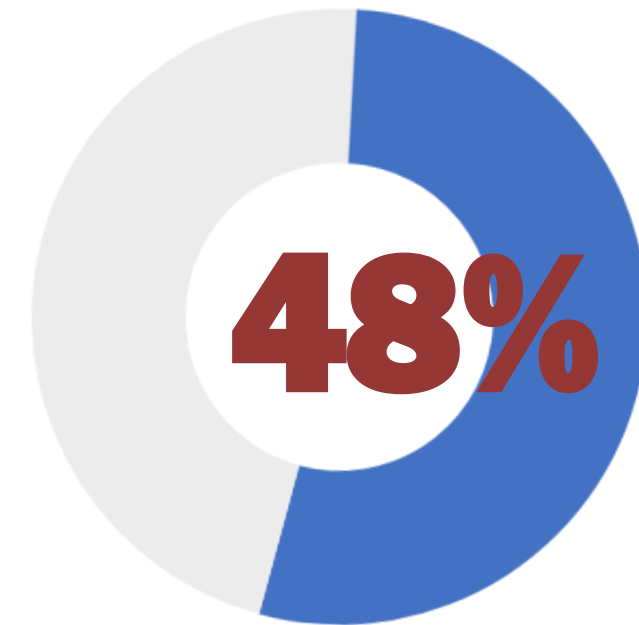
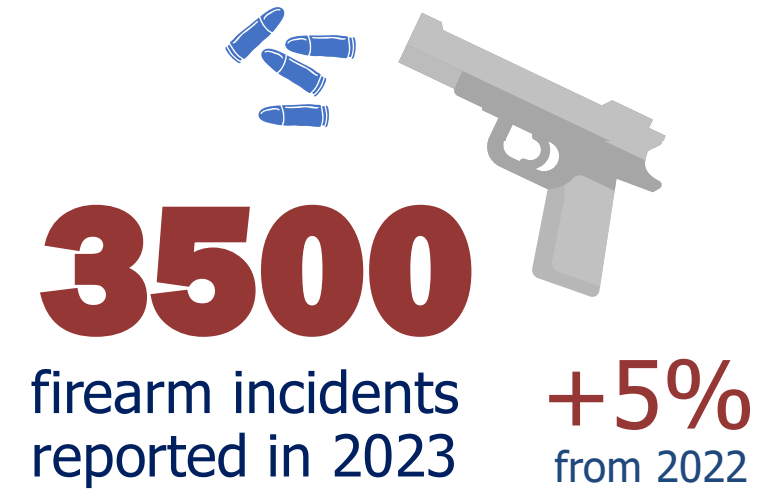
## Dispute with police



## Other/unknown



Source: SEESAC'S Armed Violence Monitoring Platform



of all incidents were  
weapon seizures

# MONITORING TRENDS 2023

## OUTCOME OF FIREARM INCIDENTS

**151** **+17%**  
from 2022

people killed

primarily in domestic violence,  
public disputes, undetermined  
shootings, and criminal context,

**64** **-3%**  
from 2022

people died by  
suicide

**429** **+27%**  
from 2022

people injured

mainly in public disputes,  
undetermined and accidental  
shooting.

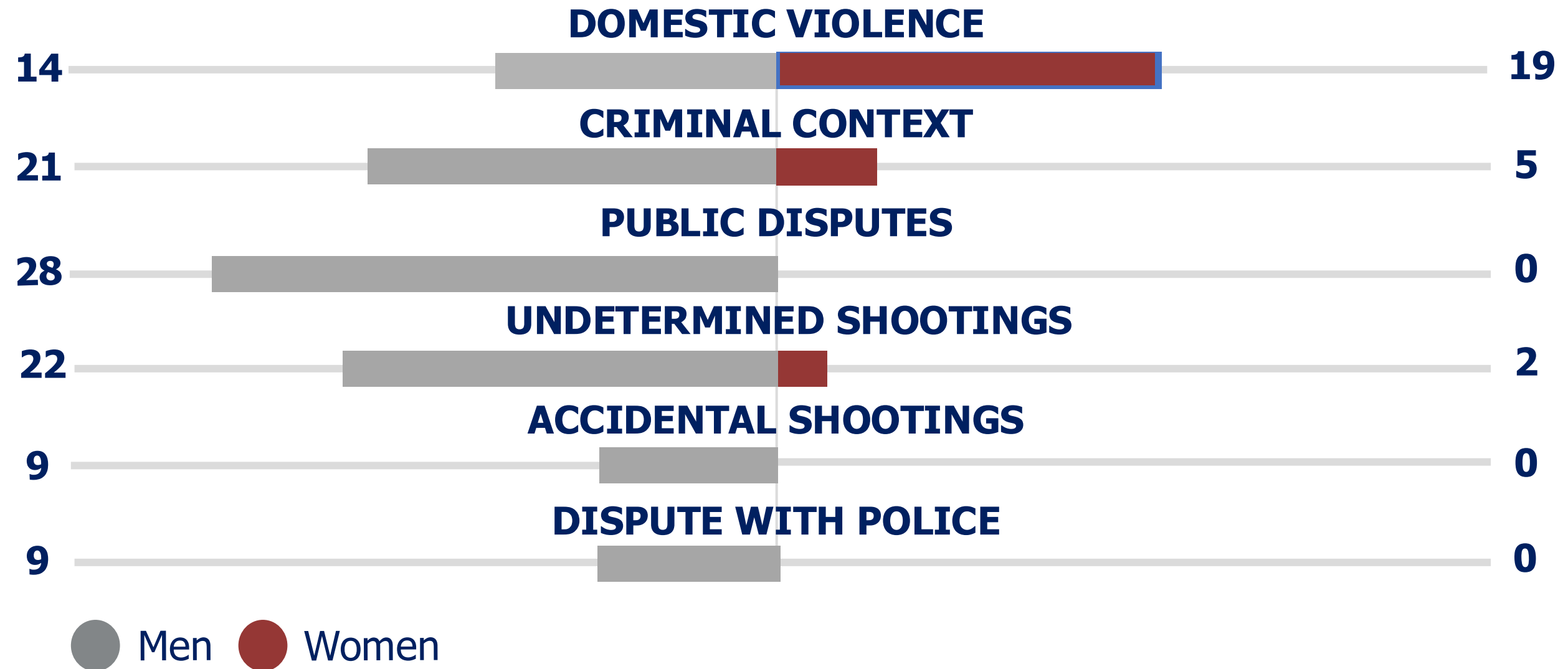
**440** **-6%**  
from 2022

people threatened

most frequently in armed  
robberies and public disputes

# MONITORING TRENDS 2023

## FATALITIES BY MOST REPORTED TYPES OF INCIDENTS



A worker wearing a yellow hard hat and a silver protective suit is handling a large bundle of metal rods in an industrial setting. The worker is standing on a red platform or container. In the background, there are other workers and industrial equipment. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor or shaded industrial environment.

## **2. SEESAC's Disarmament and Arms Control Activities in SEE**

# PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION BY SEESAC IN 2023

## 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**

## EU COUNCIL DECISION CD 2018/1788 – *finalized*

in support of SEESAC for the implementation of the Roadmap .....

**USD 4.6 million**

# PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION BY SEESAC IN 2023

<b>SLOVAK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS – <i>ongoing</i></b> Gender mainstreaming in SSR (phase II) .....	<b>USD 0.4 million</b>
<b>US DEPARTMENT OF STATE – <i>ongoing</i></b> for continued infrastructure upgrade works in Albania .....	<b>USD 1.3 million</b>
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 **SEESAC Budget 2023 USD 9 million, delivery in 2023 USD 8.5 million**

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

- **Regional cooperation at a strategic and operational level was strengthened** through regular meetings of **SALW Commissions** and **SEEFEN** network.
- **Better understanding** of members of SALW Commissions from the region of new global policies, developments and best practices related to various aspects of arms control.
- Regional cooperation among policymakers of arms control around the region was facilitated and strengthened.
- Advanced operational cooperation in combating illicit arms misuse and trafficking.
- Information sharing on latest criminal threats, trends and modus operandi.
- Early warning on potential international threats in wider region.
- Exploring of modalities in different areas of SALW





# PLANS FOR 2024

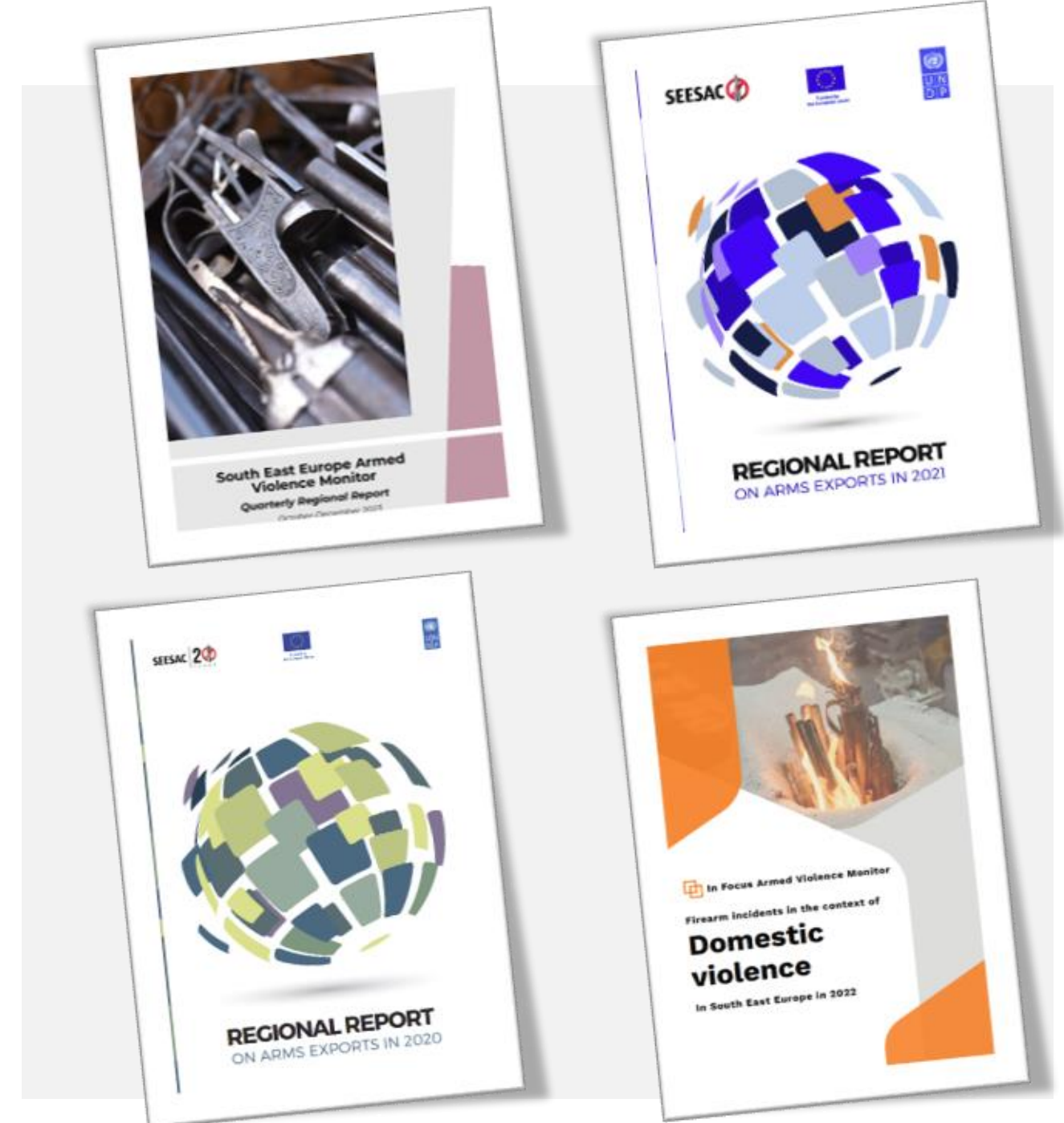
## REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

- **Facilitate regional cooperation** at strategic and operational levels through **SALW Commissions** process and the **SEEFEN** network.
- **Increase understanding** and **awareness** of **policymakers** on new regional and global policies and practices related on arms control.
- **Strengthen information sharing** among **law enforcement** on new trends and threats related to trafficking and misuse of firearms.

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

- **Technical and advisory support** was provided upon request to **SALW Commissions**.
- Four (4) **Quarterly Armed Violence Monitor Reports** and four (4) **In-Focus Armed Violence Monitors** were **published**.
- **Regional Report on Arms Exports 2020 and 2021** were **published**.
- Methodology for the **research on factors fueling demand for firearms and shaping risk-taking behaviors** was **developed**.
- **Communication and outreach capacities** of **SALW Commissions** were **improved through targeted training sessions** and the provision of **technical and advisory support**.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

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

- **Regional analysis of institutional response to the misuse of firearms**
- **Tool on gender-responsive firearm licensing**
- **Tool for addressing the risks related to the presence of firearms in domestic violence**

were **drafted** through a consultative process involving:

- **Fifteen (15) focus group discussions** with **68 police officers** and **17 women organizations**.
- **Two (2) meetings of regional working groups** for the development of Tools.
- **Ten (10) consultative meetings** across the region.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

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

- **Regional analysis of women's participation in SALW control** is ongoing:
  - **Data** from relevant institutions were **collected**.
  - **Forty-two (42) in-depth interviews** were conducted with **women and men involved in SALW control**.





# PLANS FOR 2024

## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

- **Continue** organizing **targeted training sessions for SALW Commissions** and provision of **technical and advisory support**.
- Support the **development of SALW Strategies** and/or **Action Plans** in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia.
- Support the **phase 2 of the Weapons Registry** in Moldova.



# PLANS FOR 2024

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## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING AND SUPPORT TO SALW COMMISSIONS

- Publish the following:
  - **Quarterly and In-focus** monitors on armed violence trends
  - **Arms Export Report 2022**
  - **A knowledge product on hand grenades**
  - Mapping of **good practices related to armed violence prevention**
  - Analysis of **victims of armed violence**
- Conduct regional **research on factors fueling demand for firearms and risk-taking behaviors.**



# PLANS FOR 2024

## 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** and the **Regional analysis of institutional response to the misuse of firearms**.
- **Finalize the two practical tools** for addressing the **firearms risks in domestic violence** and for **gender-sensitive firearm licensing**.
- Deliver **regional training of trainers** on the use of the two Tools and **develop national trainings**.
- Conduct the **advanced regional gender and SALW training** for SALW Commissions

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## 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 was organized in Brussels.
- The **gap analysis of the harmonization of the newly drafted Law on Weapons in North Macedonia** with the relevant EU acquis was carried out.
- A **workshop to support the Ministry of Interior in Serbia in drafting of the new Law on weapons and ammunition** was organized.





# PLANS FOR 2024

## 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.
- Support the **development of the new Law on weapons** in Montenegro, Albania and extend further support to Serbia.
- Support the **development of the Law on the Civil Use of explosives** in North Macedonia and Montenegro.
- Support the **development of legislation** in the area of **explosive precursors**.
- Support the **development of capacities** on the **control of pyrotechnics**.

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - **FIREARMS FOCAL POINTS (FFPs)**

- On-demand **support to the operationalization of the FFPs** was provided to all jurisdictions, through various **capacity development** activities, procurement of **specialized equipment** and provision of **technical advice**.
- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for FFPs were finalized.
- **Annual Regional workshop of FFPs** was held in Belgrade.
- The organization of the meeting of a **Working Group for establishing a FFP in Bosnia and Herzegovina** was **supported**.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING – FIREARMS FOCAL POINTS

- A visit to **National Ballistic Intelligence Services (NABIS)** in the United Kingdom for the representatives of FFPs from Serbia and Montenegro was facilitated.
- The sessions in support of the **outreach of the FFPs** towards **prosecutors and investigators** were organized in Pristina and in Belgrade.





## PLANS FOR 2024

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### SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - FIREARM FOCAL POINTS

- Provide **technical assistance** and **expertise** to FFPs.
- Organize the **Annual regional workshop for FFPs** from the Western Balkans.
- Continue organizing outreach sessions of FFPs' towards prosecutors, ballistic labs and relevant superiors.
- Initiate **capacity development** of **FFPs** through different targeted trainings

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - **BORDER POLICE**

- Comprehensive **support in procuring equipment** for Border Police Services of **Albania, North Macedonia, and Serbia** saw **significant progress** in 2023, while the equipment for border police of **Montenegro** was **procured and delivered**.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - **BORDER POLICE**

- **Regional meeting of the border police and customs** representatives was **held**.
- **Handbook for border guards and customs** for the *Western Balkans* jointly with Frontex was finalized, translated into BCMS and disseminated, while Albanian and Macedonian versions were **printed**.
- **Workshop on the addendum** of the above **'Handbook'** related to the influence of the war in Ukraine and migrant crisis on the firearms trafficking in the SEE was **organized**.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - BORDER POLICE

- **Trainings of trainers on firearms detection, risk analysis, emergency situation and investigations** for Border Police Services were **delivered** in close cooperation with FRONTEX for:
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina,
  - Serbia,
  - Albania,
  - Kosovo\*,
  - North Macedonia, and
  - Montenegro

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





# PLANS FOR 2024

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING – BORDER POLICE

- Finalize **delivery of equipment** in Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia and organize official **handover of equipment** in each jurisdiction.
- Organize the **Regional meeting** of the **border police** and **customs representatives**.
- Organise training on firearms detection, risk analysis, emergency situation and investigations on demand.
- Conduct **assessment of customs authorities' capacities** to combat illicit trafficking of firearms

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - **CRIMINAL POLICE**

- **SOPs** for the criminal police of **Albania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro** and **North Macedonia** were **finalized** and translated into local languages.
- **Procurement of equipment** for criminal police of the six Western Balkans jurisdictions and the Republic of Moldova is ongoing.
- Workshop on **development of SOPs** for the criminal police of the **Republic of Moldova** was organized.
- **Regional meeting** of **criminal police** representatives was **held**.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - **CRIMINAL POLICE**

- **Trainings on firearms detection and risk analysis** were conducted for the criminal police of seven jurisdictions:
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina (+ SIPA)
  - Montenegro,
  - North Macedonia,
  - Serbia,
  - Albania,
  - Kosovo, and
  - Moldova.





# PLANS FOR 2024

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## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING - CRIMINAL POLICE

- Organize official **handover of equipment** in each jurisdiction.
- Organize the **Regional meeting for criminal police**.

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING – CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS (CSI)

- The **Regional Workshop on Digital Crime Scene Documenting and Establishing and Maintaining the Chain of Custody** was held in North Macedonia.
- The **Needs Assessment Reports of CSI Units** for six Western Balkans jurisdictions were **sent** for **review** and **endorsement** to the relevant institutions.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING – CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS (CSI)

- The **Guidelines for drafting a quality manual for a CSI inspection body** according to the standard **ISO/IEC 17020:2012** was **drafted**.
- **Six (6) digital cameras** were **procured** and **delivered** to CSI in Albania.
- The existing **CSI SOPs** in the Western Balkans jurisdictions were **compared** with the **best practices** of European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENSI). The resulting Report with the recommendations and changes was sent for translation into local languages.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING – CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS (CSI)

- Two experts from Tirana and two from Pristina were supported to participate in the **annual meeting of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes - Expert Working Group on Firearms (ENFSI EWG)**, held in Brussels.
- **Assessment of the indoor shooting range of the Forensic Lab of North Macedonia.**





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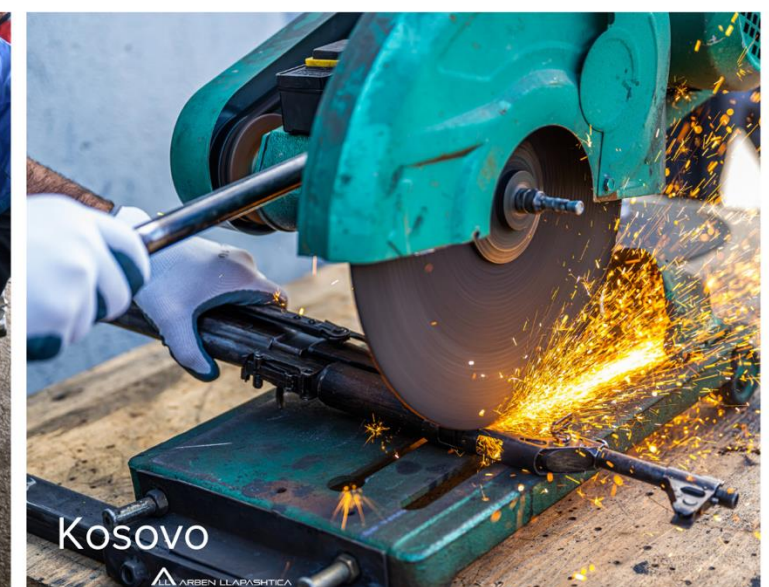
## SUPPORT TO FIREARMS-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTERING ARMS TRAFFICKING – CSI

- Provide **the remaining CSI equipment based on the assessment results.**
- Support amending the **SOPs** and **harmonization** with ENFSI best practices where needed.
- Translate and disseminate the Guidelines for drafting a quality manual for a CSI inspection body according to the standard ISO/IEC 17020:2012.
- Organize Regional workshop on recovery of electronic evidence.

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- SEESAC supported the destruction of **3,932 pieces of SALW**:
  - **1,314 pieces** of SALW in **Moldova**
  - **798 pieces** of weapons in **Montenegro**.
  - **1000 pieces** of SALW in **Kosovo**, and
  - **820 pieces** of SALW and **603 weapon parts** in **Bosnia and Herzegovina**,



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT



*SALW destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 2023*

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- The security and safety of the **Duvaniste storage location of the MoI Serbia**, including **technical handover** to the beneficiary, was **completed** in May.
- The security upgrades at **three (3) evidence rooms in BIH** were completed, while activities on security upgrade of **one (1) MoI storage and twenty-seven (27) police evidence rooms and construction of one (1) location** are ongoing across the region, as well as **introduction of a barcode module at one (1) MoI storage location**.
- **Additional funding** was **secured** in September for the **overhaul of the state police weapons management system** and up to six **evidence rooms in Albania**.

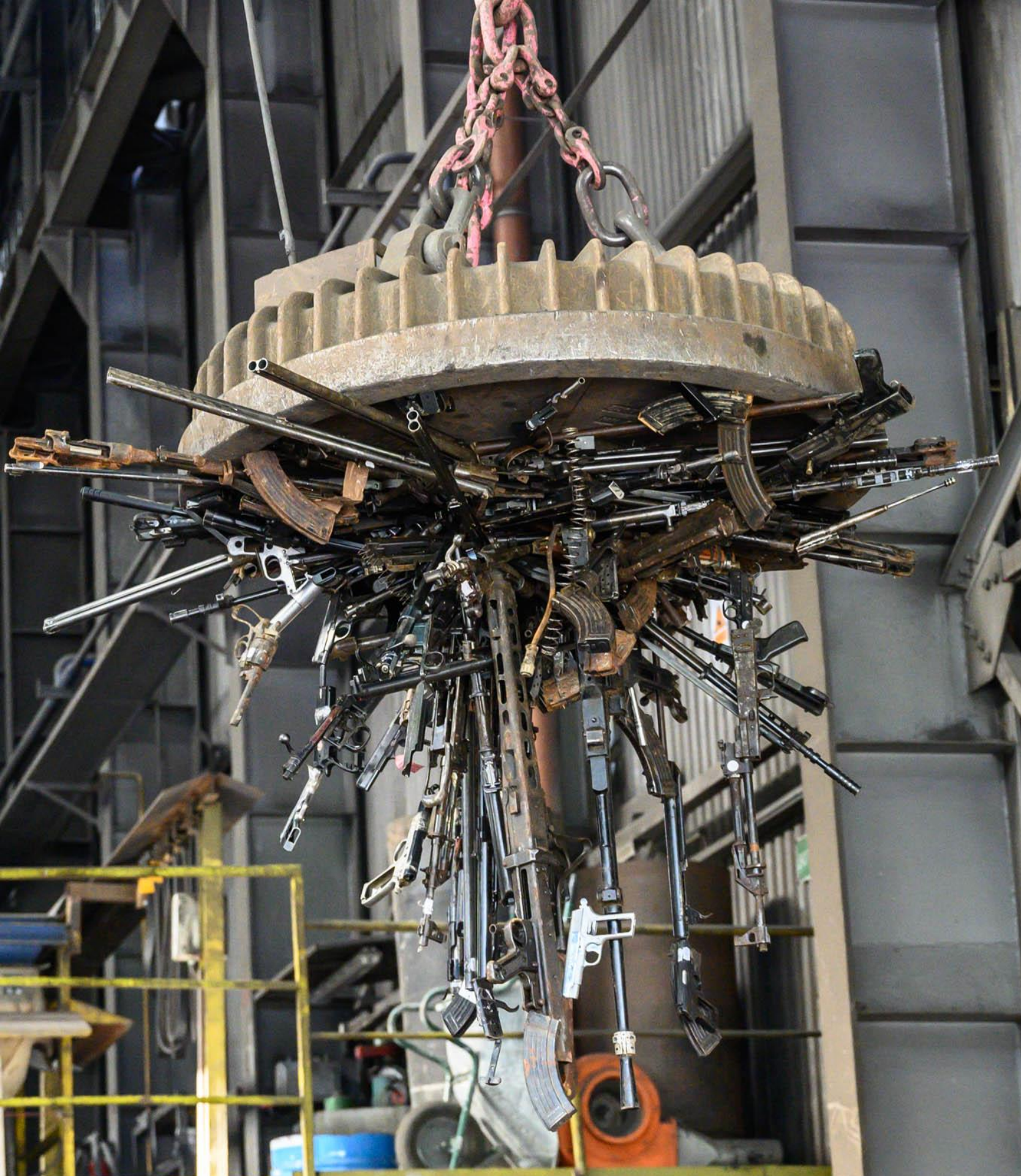


# KEY RESULTS 2023

## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- Capacities in physical security and weapons and ammunition management of **two hundred (200) MoI administrative personnel** from Serbia were **increased** through **four workshops**.
- A **regional workshop on weapons and ammunition management** was held in Skopje to increase stockpile management capacities of PSSM personnel of the Western Balkans and Moldova authorities.





# PLANS FOR 2024

## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

- Organize one (1) **regional thematic workshop** on **stockpile management of weapons and ammunition**.
- **Complete upgrades of one (1) MoI storage location and nine (9) police evidence rooms** (Moldova, Serbia, North Macedonia).
- Prepare **upgrade designs for eighteen (18) police evidence room locations and construction of one (1) location** and implement **barcode module at one MoI weapons storage location** in Albania.
- Initiate **police weapons management system overhaul**.
- **Dispose of up to 3,300 pieces of SALW and 300,000 pieces of ammunition**.

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## AWARENESS-RAISING

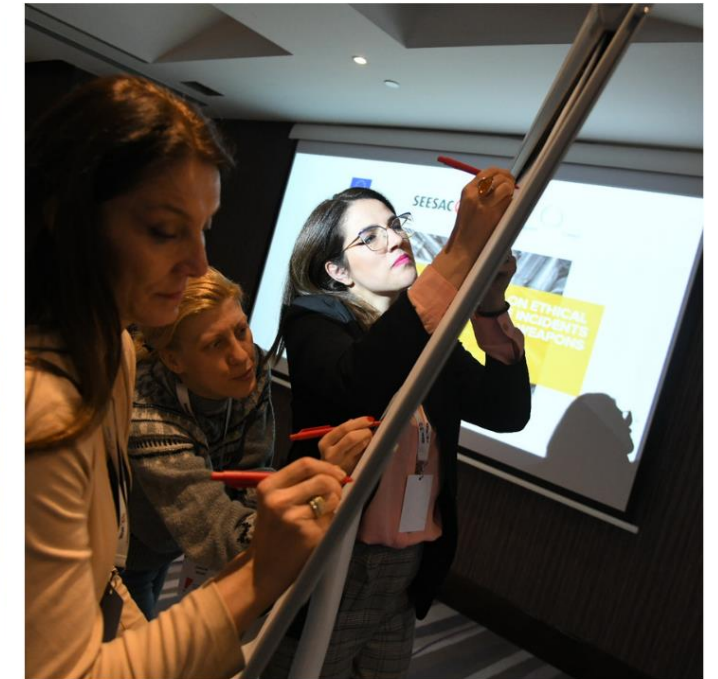
- **Knowledge enhancement, information sharing and standardization of approaches was ensured through two (2) bi-Annual regional Western Balkans Awareness Raising Task Force meetings.**
- **The Analysis of Media Reporting of Firearm Misuse in Male Gender-based Violence Against Women** in the Western Balkans was finalized and sent for translation.
- **Guidelines for Ministries of Interior and Police Services on How to Better Communicate with the Media Regarding Incidents of Gender-based Violence with SALW** were drafted, translated and presented to beneficiaries.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## AWARENESS-RAISING

- A **Regional Training of Journalists** on Ethical Reporting of GBV Incidents with the Focus on Those Where SALW is Used was **organized** with journalists from six WBs jurisdictions attending.
- **Jurisdiction-level trainings** on how to better inform the public on gender-based violence with firearms developed for journalists and relevant representatives of the MoIs and Police Services were held in:
  - Serbia,
  - North Macedonia,
  - Montenegro,
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina,



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## AWARENESS-RAISING

- An **emergency voluntary SALW collection campaign** conducted by the Ministry of interior in Serbia, following two mass shootings in May, was supported, resulting in the collection of **108,883 pieces of SALW** and **26,485 explosive ordinances** by 30 June.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## AWARENESS-RAISING

- A two-phased **awareness raising campaign** “Celebrate with Your Heart” against **celebratory shooting** during the summer months in **Kosovo** conducted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs was **supported**. The **campaign results were monitored and evaluated** through a **follow-up survey**.
- A **media campaign** against the **misuse of pyrotechnics** during the holiday season **conducted** by the MoI of Serbia was supported.





# PLANS FOR 2024

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## AWARENESS-RAISING

- Conduct **jurisdiction-level trainings** on how to better inform the public on gender-based violence with firearms for journalists and MoI/police services in Albania with collaboration with OSCE.
- Deliver **jurisdiction-level trainings** on how to better inform the public on gender-based violence with firearms to representatives of Prosecutors offices and journalists.



# **3. Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap – Coordination and Monitoring**

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## ROADMAP COORDINATION

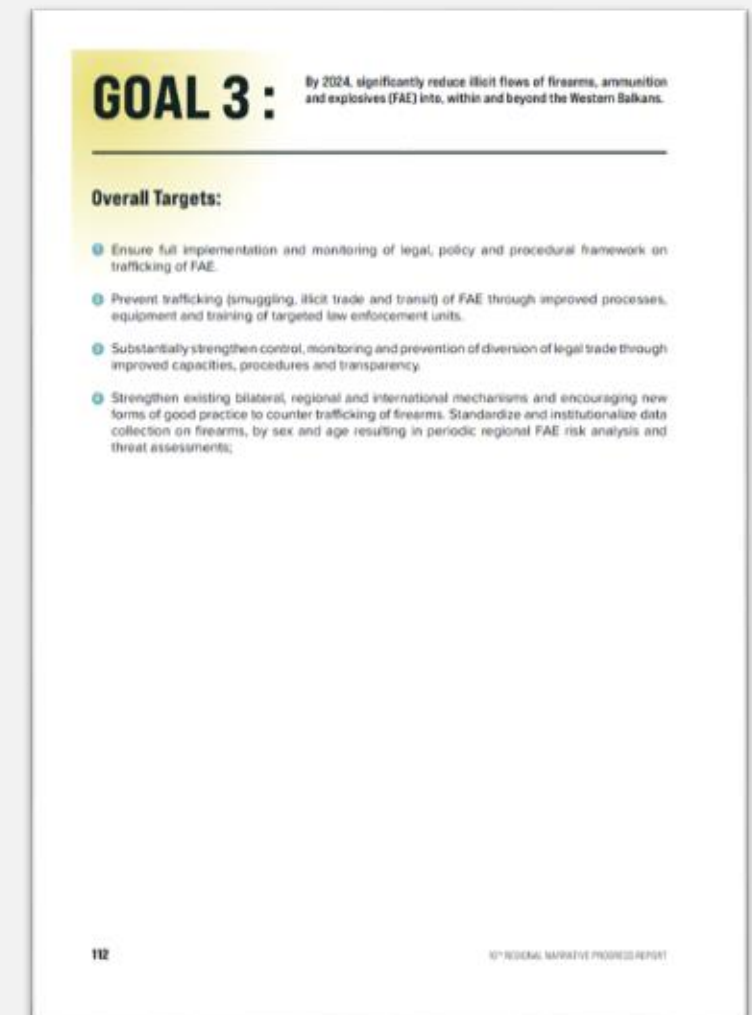
- In close cooperation with EU, Germany, France and the Western Balkans authorities:
  - **Two (2) regional Roadmap coordination meetings** were **organized**.
  - **Support** was **provided** to the **SALW Commissions** in organizing **two rounds of local coordination meetings** (12 in total).
  - Consultations on the **revised text of the Roadmap** beyond 2024 were conducted with each jurisdiction.
  - A **specific report with contributions from international organizations** was **shared** regularly in advance of the meetings.
- A high-level meeting on SALW violence prevention and reduction, was co-organized with the Parliamentary Forum on SALW, Regional Cooperation Council and the Parliament of Albania.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## ROADMAP MONITORING

- Support was provided in preparation of **six (6) progress reports based on KPIs and Roadmap goals** submitted by the Western Balkan authorities.
- **Two (2) semi-annual regional narrative reports** were published.
- **One (1) Regional KPIs Report** was published.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

## STRENGTHENED INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION, KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION-SHARING ON ARMS CONTROL

- Good practices were shared with a global audience at a meeting on **Exchange on SALW Roadmaps/Regional initiatives organized by UNLIREC**.
- SEESAC contributed to the development of the **Central American SALW Control Roadmap** initiated in an event organized by UNLIREC and Organization of American States in Panama.
- Mission to Kyrgyzstan was supported in development of first SALW control project under SALIENT.



# KEY RESULTS 2023

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## ROADMAP VISIBILITY AND OUTREACH

- Progress made in the **Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap** was reviewed in Brussels at the **high-level meeting on the implementation of specific actions of the EU action plan on firearms trafficking.**





# PLANS FOR 2024

## ROADMAP COORDINATION AND MONITORING

- Organize **two (2) regional Roadmap coordination meetings**.
- Support the **organization of two (2) rounds of local Roadmap coordination meetings** (up to 12 meetings in total).
- Publish **two (2) biannual regional progress reports**, and one (1) KPIs annual report.
- Conduct the **second round of the consultation** on the **revised text of the Roadmap** with each jurisdiction.
- Submit for approval the agreed text of the **revised Roadmap**.
- Maintain the **online platform** to ensure **proper outreach** and **visibility of the Roadmap**.



# PLANS FOR 2024

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## STRENGTHENED INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION, KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION-SHARING ON ARMS CONTROL

- Organize **side events at the margins of the UNPOA fourth review conferences.**
- Strengthen interregional cooperation through workshops and study visits.

# PLANS FOR 2024

## STRENGTHENED INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION, KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION-SHARING ON ARMS CONTROL

- Organize **side events at the margins of the UNPOA fourth review conferences.**
- Strengthen interregional cooperation through workshops and study visits.
- Participation by **Kyrgyzstan** representatives to SALW COM meeting - ask BB





# **3.1 Coordination of the Regional Projects in Support of the Roadmap Implementation**

# COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT IN SUPPORT 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 – August 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.
- Independent final evaluation of the regional project was completed in February 2023, acknowledging progress made.



# COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE ROADMAP

## SEESAC'S ROLE

- **Provided assistance and technical support** to the UNDP Offices in the closure of the projects and mapping of final achievements.
- **Prepared progress updates and the final report of the project**, based on reports submitted by the UNDP Offices and its own monitoring.
- **Coordinated final evaluation** of the regional project.
- **Liaised and facilitated decision-making** by the Project Board.

### FINAL REPORT

#### Regional Project:

**Support to the Implementation of the Roadmap for a Sustainable Solution to the Illegal Possession, Misuse and Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and their Ammunition in the Western Balkans**



# COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE ROADMAP

## OVERVIEW OF FINAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- The regional project provided a **comprehensive framework** for a timely and tailor-made support to the authorities in the Western Balkans in the implementation of the Roadmap.
- The project enabled more **effective and efficient control and response** to firearms-related threats in the region.
- Across the board, the progress and achievements realized through the sub-projects have been built up and expanded with the funding from the Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap MPTF, thus **scaling up of assistance to the authorities** in Roadmap implementation.



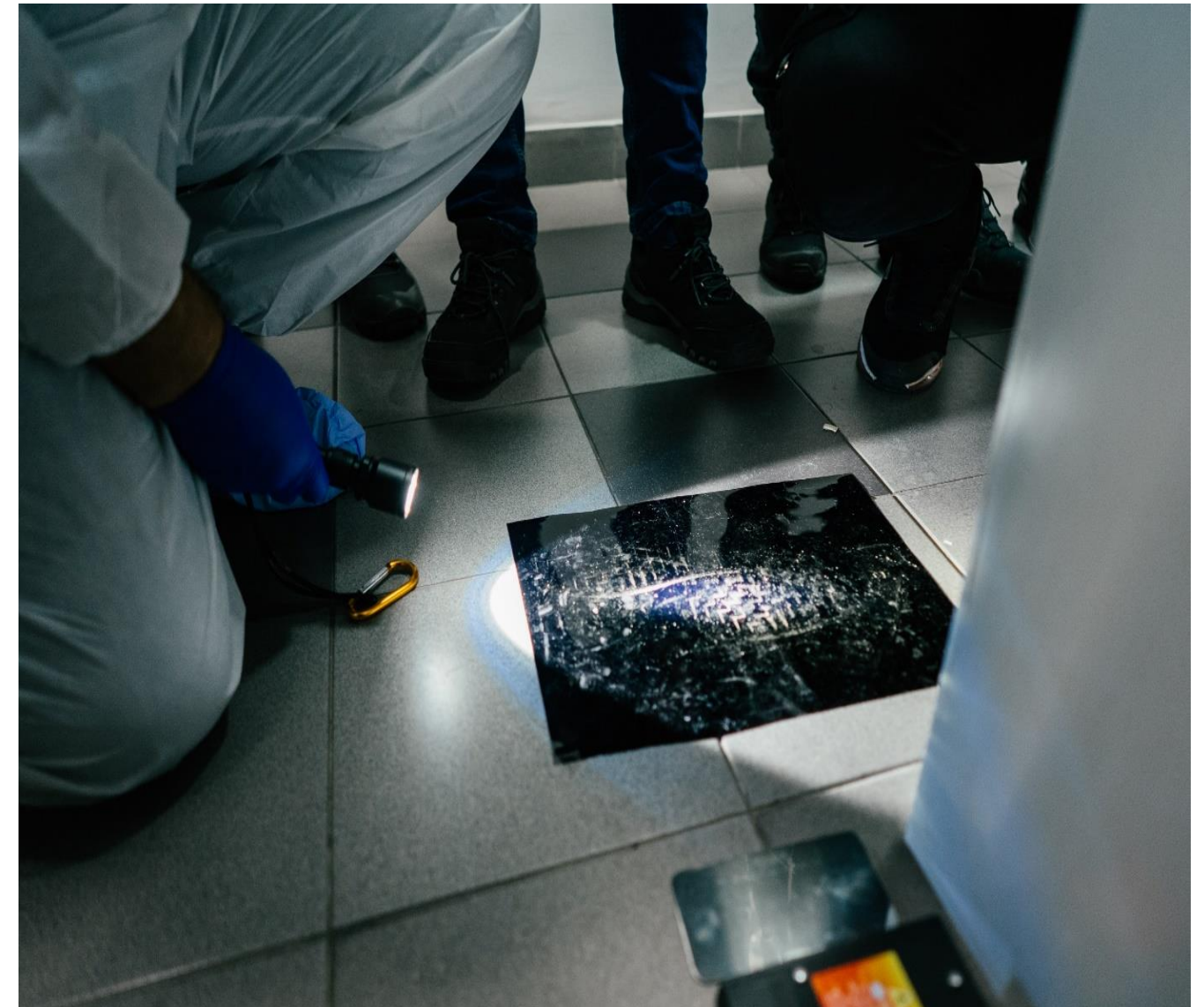
A group of people, including men and women in business attire, are seated around a long conference table in a meeting room. They are looking towards a screen on the left side of the room. The table is equipped with microphones, laptops, and water bottles. The room has wood-paneled walls and a large door in the background.

## **3.2 Coordination of the Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)**

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







## OVERVIEW

- **Established by UNDP, UNODC, and the MPTF Office** in March 2019 to support a coordinated implementation of the SALW control Roadmap.
- **Governed by a Steering Committee;** which provides general oversight and overall accountability of the Fund; 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 Sweden, the Netherlands, and the UK), and the Trust Fund Administrative Agent (MPTF Office, as an observer).
- **SEESAC ensures the functions of the Secretariat;** supports the Steering Committee decision-making, without a voting right; 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 as necessary.
- **Two UN organizations are eligible to receive funding through the Trust Fund:** UNDP and UNODC.



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

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributor/Partner		Deposits
	Germany	\$ 13,335,578
	Sweden	\$ 3,400,937
	Netherlands	\$ 3,250,341
	France	\$ 2,873,163
	United Kingdom	\$ 2,611,396
	Norway	\$ 2,074,401
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,545,816</b>

US \$3.36 mil in new contributions in 2023: from the Netherlands (\$1.6mln), Germany (\$0.54mln), Sweden (0.49mln), Norway (0.46mln) and France (\$0.27mln)

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

## KEY FUNCTIONS

- **Provided assistance and technical support** as well as regular **monitoring** of projects under implementation: 14 projects under implementation in 2023 by UNDP and UNODC, additional eight (8) approved in Q4 2023.
- Supported the administration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals and the technical assessments** of received projects.
- **Prepared consolidated progress reports**, based on reports submitted by the Participating Organizations.
- **Supported organization of six (6) 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.



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

## PROJECTS

### First call for project proposals (2019)

#### 4 projects approved in February 2020:

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

### Second call for project proposals (2020)

#### 6 projects approved in November 2020 and January 2021:

- **Strengthening Control, Administration and Social Attitudes Towards SALW**, UNDP Albania [May 2024];
- **Advancing the Capacities of the MoI in the SALW Control-Related Field (Phase II)**, UNDP Serbia – **COMPLETED** [Nov 2023];
- **Advancing the Capacities of the Police Directorate in the Field of Custody Chain, CSI and the Forensic Laboratory in the Field of Operations and Investigations in Detection and Trafficking of Explosives Criminality**, UNDP Montenegro – **COMPLETED** [Oct 2023];
- **Cross-border Integrated Institutional Approach Towards Combatting IAT and SALW**, UNDP Kosovo and UNDP North Macedonia – **COMPLETED** [March 2023];
- **Prevention and Illicit Arms Reduction in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Project PILLAR+)**, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina [April 2024].
- **Support for Increased International Cooperation in Criminal Matters**, UNODC - **COMPLETED**.

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

## PROJECTS

### Direct Solicitation of proposals (2022)

- **6 projects approved in 2022:**
  - **Reduce Risk - Increase Safety II**, UNDP Serbia – **COMPLETED** [May 2023];
  - **Digitalization and Institutional and Regional Cooperation Project (DIRC)**, UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina – **COMPLETED** [Dec 2023];
  - **Increased Security of the Arms Depots Under the Administration of the Albanian State Police**, UNDP Albania [May 2024];
  - **Improvement of Data and SALW Collection Practices and SALW Related Investigations**, UNDP North Macedonia – **COMPLETED** [Feb 2024];
  - **Support to Firearms related Investigations**, UNDP Kosovo – **COMPLETED** [Oct 2023]
  - **Countering Trafficking in Firearms, their parts and ammunition in Express Courier and Postal Parcels: Project HERMES**, Phase 1, UNODC – **COMPLETED** [Dec 2023]



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

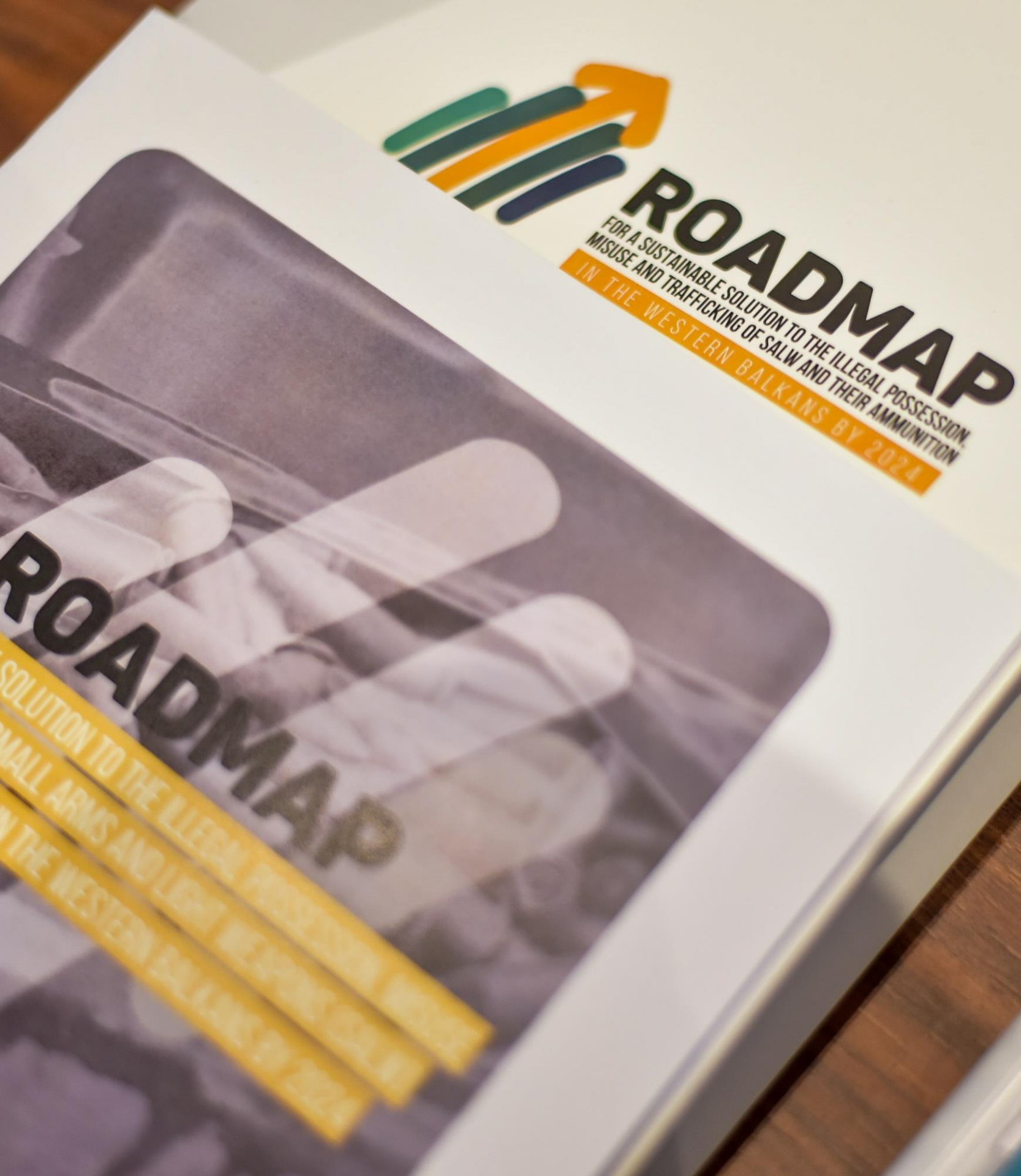
## PROJECTS

### Third Call for Proposals (2023)

**8 projects** approved in October 2023:

- **Reduce Risk - Increase Safety III**, UNDP Serbia, launched in Nov 2023;
- **Project Justitia: Support to the Criminal Justice Response to Counter Arms Trafficking in the Western Balkans**, UNODC, launched in Nov 2023;
- **Integrated Institutional Approach and Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation to SALW Control (Phase I)**, UNDP Kosovo, launched in Nov 2023;
- **Advancing the Forensic Capacities of the Police Directorate of Montenegro for Processing Firearms and Explosives-related Crimes**, UNDP Montenegro, launched in Nov 2023;
- **Support to Improving Capacities of the Ministry of the Interior in the SALW-Control related Field, Phase III**, UNDP Serbia, launched in Nov 2023
- **Law Enforcement Agencies' Development in Small Arms and Light Weapons Control (Project LEAD)**, UNDP BiH, launched in Dec 2023;
- **Integrated Institutional Approach and Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation to SALW Control (Phase I)**, UNDP Albania, launched in Dec 2023;
- **Strengthening the Capacities of the Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation System to Improve Criminal Justice Response to SALW**, UNDP North Macedonia, launched in Dec 2023;

**Total approved budget: \$10.78 million**



# PLANS FOR 2024

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

- Organize **Steering Committee meetings** and facilitate decision-making.
- **Coordinate and monitor** ongoing Trust Fund projects, implemented by UNDP and UNODC (11 projects as of March 2024).
- Review final reports and support **operational closures of completed projects** (10 completed in 2023).
- **Compile progress reports** based on the input from Participating Organizations, including annual report for 2023 and quarterly reports for 2024.
- Support and ensure implementation of the **management response to the mid-term evaluation of the Trust Fund**, as applicable.

A woman in a military uniform is seated at a desk in a control room, surrounded by other personnel and computer monitors. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the screens. The woman in the center is wearing a brown uniform with a blue and yellow insignia on her sleeve. She is looking towards the left, where another woman in a light-colored uniform is seated. In the foreground, the back of a woman's head and shoulders, wearing a red top, is visible. The background shows other people working at desks with multiple monitors.

# 4. Mainstreaming Gender into the Security Sector

# KEY RESULTS 2023

## MAINSTREAMING GENDER INTO THE SECURITY SECTOR

### **Regional cooperation on gender equality in defence:**

- The 16th Regional Meeting of Gender Equality Mechanisms in the Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces;
- The regional meeting of Gender Advisers and Coordinators in the MoDs and Afs.

### **Support for gender responsive leadership:**

- Two Gender Coaching Programmes;
- Regional Gender-Responsive Leadership Seminar.

### **Changing the mindsets:**

- The regional Online gender training was developed by the military gender trainers from four MoDs.

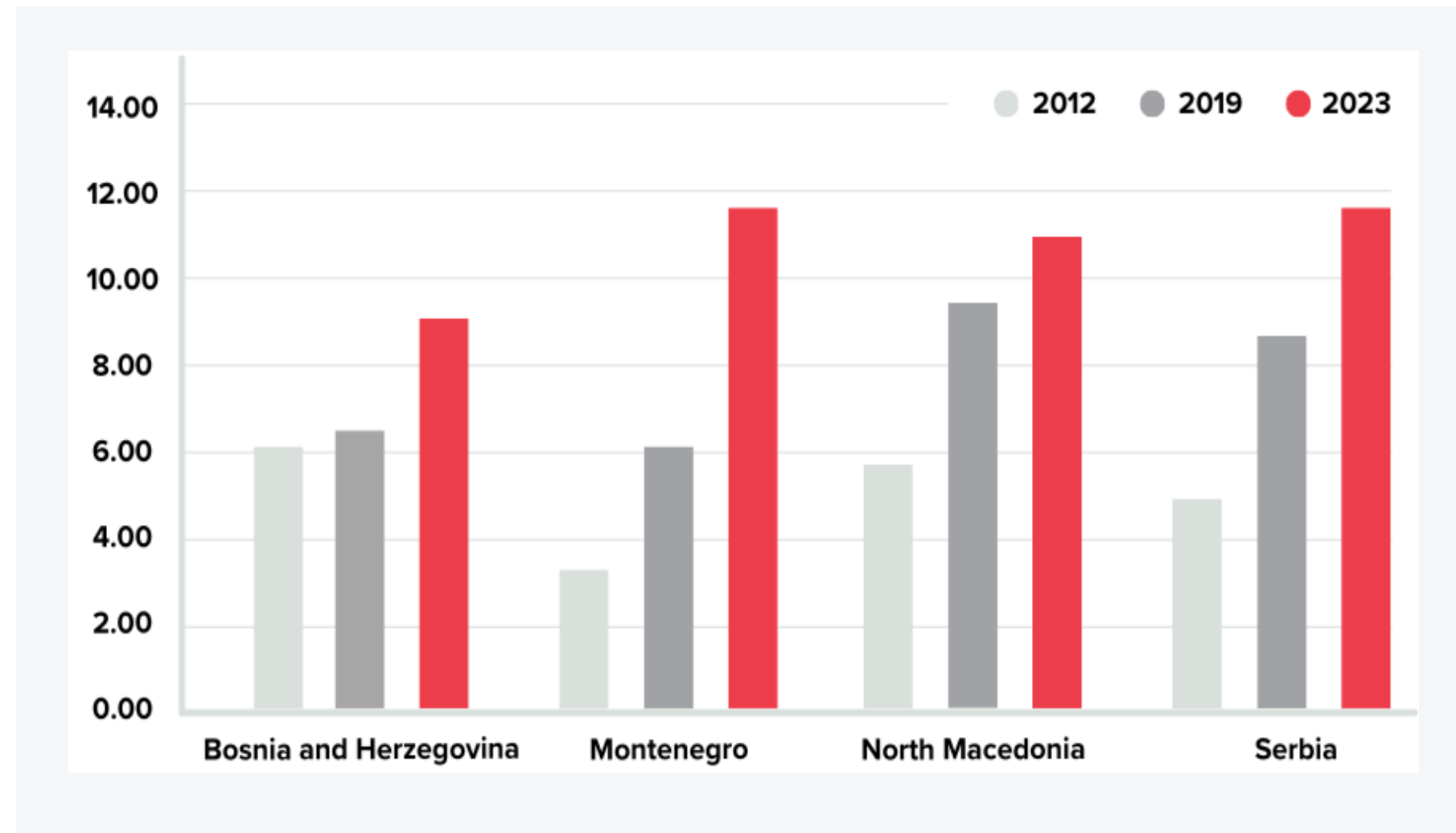


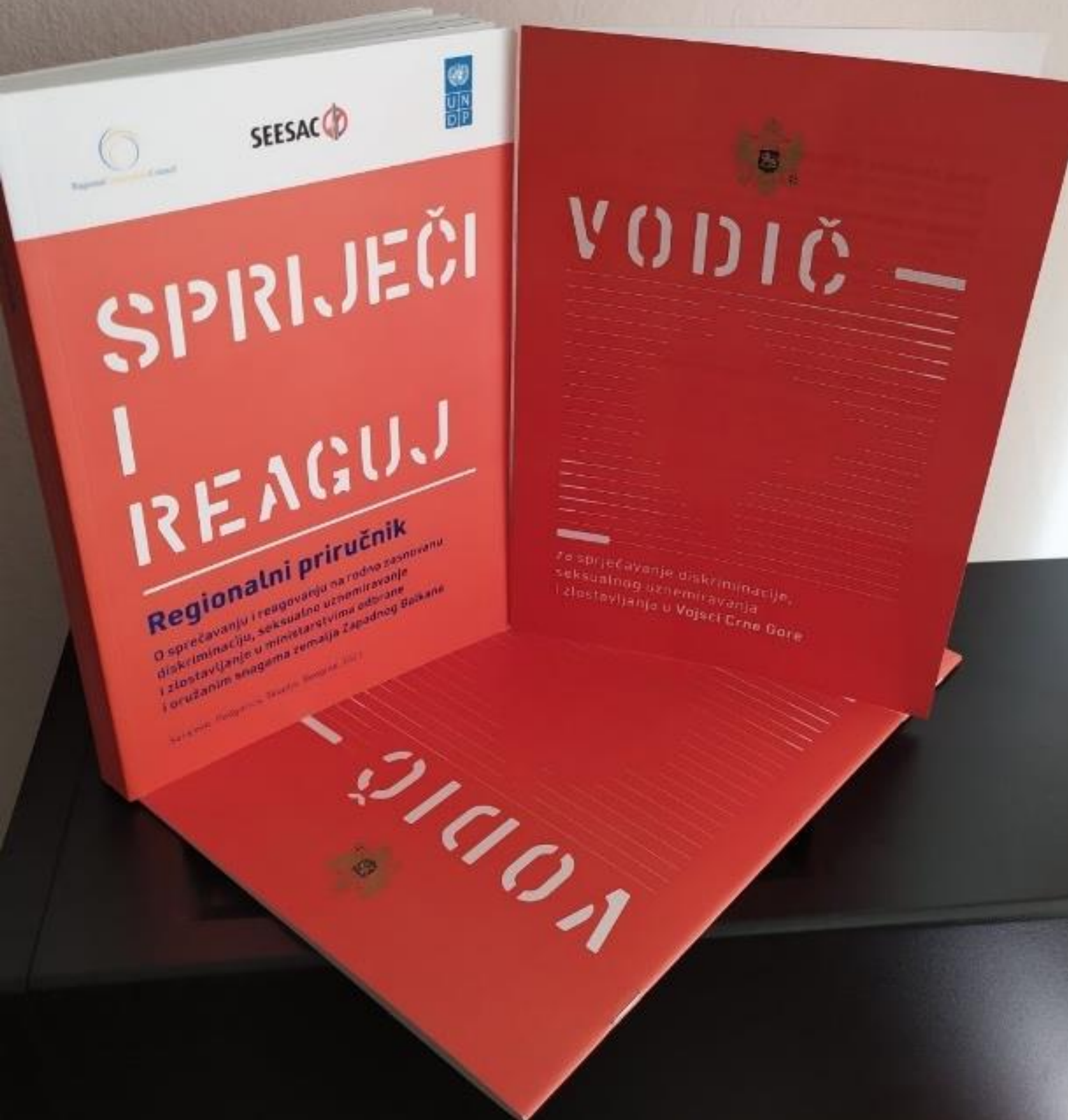
# KEY RESULTS 2023

## MAINSTREAMING GENDER INTO THE SECURITY SECTOR

**According to independent UNDP evaluation** the regional project has made **significant steps** in:

- bolstering women's participation in the military,
- strengthening regional cooperation, and
- combating gender-based discrimination, sexual abuse, and harassment.





# PLANS FOR 2024

## MAINSTREAMING GENDER INTO THE SECURITY SECTOR

- Advance gender equality through continued support to regional cooperation processes;
- Support MoDs and AFs to efficiently respond to gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment and abuse.

# 5. Global Footprint



# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

## HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC ACTIONS OF THE EU ACTION PLAN ON FIREARMS TRAFFICKING



# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

## UN SG REPORT ON SALW CONTROL

According to **UN SG Report on SALW Control**, in the Western Balkans, authorities continued to make **significant progress** in implementing the commitments outlined in the **Roadmap** with the support of SEESAC

“Demonstrable progress was recorded, such as **improved information sharing; enhanced investigations** of firearms-related crimes and operational cooperation through capacitated firearms focal points; **improved security** of weapons and ammunition storages; **modernized record-keeping, marking and tracing mechanisms**; strengthened cooperation with criminal justice structures and standardized approaches to raising awareness of the misuse and illicit possession of firearms.”



# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

## UN SG A NEW AGENDA FOR PEACE

- On 20 July 2023, **UN Secretary-General** presented to Member States his Policy Brief on **A New Agenda for Peace, outlining the need for developing SALW control roadmaps** through following recommendations:
  - Strengthen, develop and implement regional, subregional and national instruments and road maps to address challenges related to the diversion, proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons and ammunition.
  - Set national and regional targets and measure progress toward the implementation of regulatory frameworks, including via data collection and monitoring.
  - Pursue whole-of-government approaches that integrate small arms and light weapons control into development and violence reduction initiatives at the national and community levels, as well as in the national prevention strategies.



# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

**A TRANSFORMATIVE ARMED-VIOLENCE  
REDUCTION AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT IN KYRGYZSTAN**



**28TH SOUTHEAST EUROPE DEFENSE  
MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TÜRKIYE**



# PARTNERSHIPS

## PARTNERS

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 (UNRCPPD)

UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNRILEC)

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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

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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

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Swedish Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons

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Updates and discussions on progress in the implementation of the first three goals of #Roadmap2024 during day 1 of the meeting in #Tirana

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SEEFEN, the largest network of police investigators, customs officials, prosecutors, ballistic experts and border police from South East and East Europe met for 18th time!

The focus was on information sharing, challenges faced, new trends, and ways forward in tackling small arms and light weapons trafficking.


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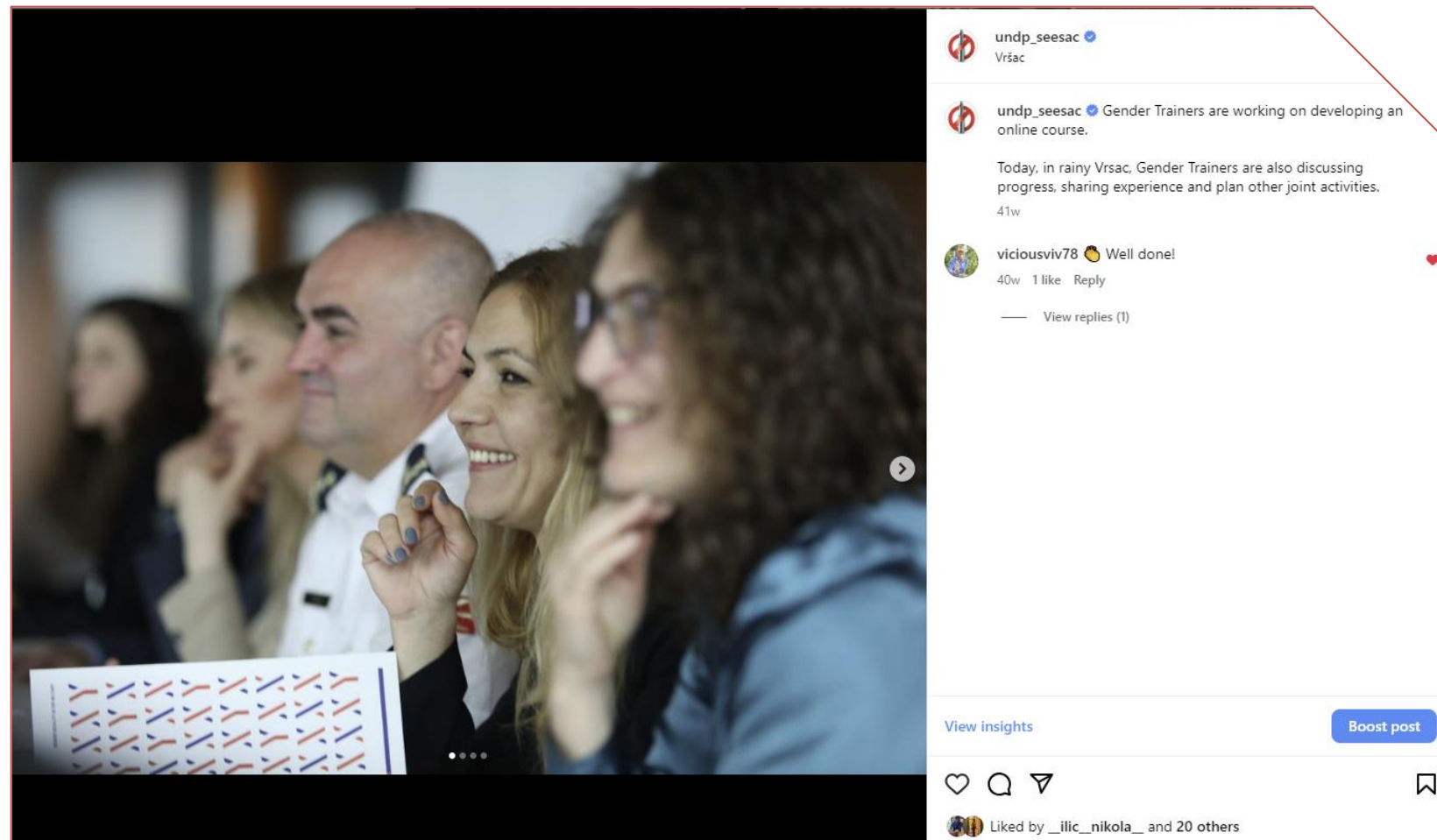
A regional approach to weapons and ammunition management is imperative to prevent their diversion and proliferation.  
Inspiring exchange of practices and experiences in Skopje.

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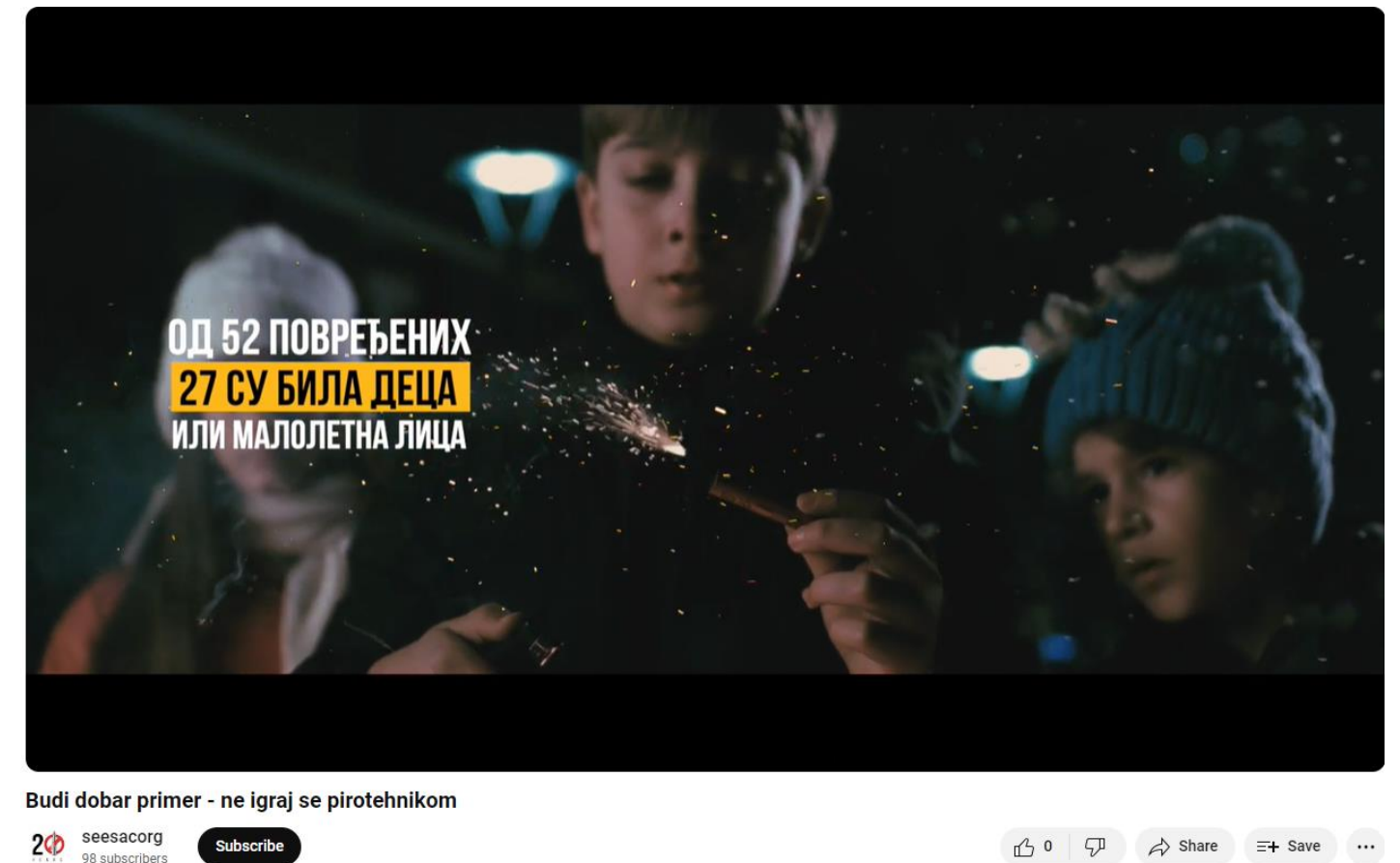


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