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ROADMAP

FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION,
MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION
IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024

4th REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

25-26 NOVEMBER 2020

Online meeting (via Kudo)

Day 1, 25 November 2020

08:30 – 09:00 Access to the online platform.
Link to access the meeting: <https://live.kudoway.eu/ad/220213522892>

09:00 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION

Opening Remarks by:

- Ms. Floriana Sipala, Head of Unit D.5, Organised Crime and Drugs Policy, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- Mr. Albrecht von Wittke, Director of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- H.E. Jean-Claude Brunet, Ambassador-at-large on transitional criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of SALW, France
- Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub
- Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

09:45– 10:10 SESSION I - 4th REGIONAL ROADMAP PROGRESS REPORT - KEY FINDINGS

- 4th Regional Roadmap Progress Report/Key findings on Roadmap implementation based on KPIs and Roadmap Goals - Presentation by Ms. Juliana Buzi, Regional Cooperation Specialist, SEESAC.

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

10:10– 11:30 SESSION II - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 1&2 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- Updates on status of implementation on Goal 1&2 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges, and plans - Presentations by SALW Commissions (7 mins per presentation).

Updates should focus on the status and concrete steps taken during the reporting period, including:

- **Harmonization of the legal framework** on the civilian and military use of firearms, ammunition and explosives with the **EU Acquis**;
- **Compliance** of arms control legal framework with the UN Firearms Protocol;
- Strengthening of **coordination and monitoring of arms control** activities;
- Development of **new strategies/action plan** on arms control (as relevant);
- Key **challenges** identified in the implementation including those related to COVID 19;
- **Priorities and plans.**

GOAL 1

By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standardized across the region.

GOAL 2

By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based ...

Questions & Answers

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Alain Lapon, Chief Technical Adviser, SEESAC

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:45 **SESSION III - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 2 (Cont.) & 3 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS**

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 2 (Cont.) &3 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Presentations by SALW Commissions (10 mins per presentation/update, including any intervention from Prosecution Offices).

Updates should focus on the status and concrete steps taken during the reporting period, including:

- Establishing and making operational the **Firearms Focal Points**;
- Strengthening **the investigation** (including **forensic**) capacities for firearm-related crimes;
- **Preventing and countering trafficking** (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
- Strengthening existing bilateral, regional and **international operational cooperation and exchange of information** (SIENA, iARMS) on firearm-related crimes;
- Update on the number of **prosecuted and adjudicated** cases of illicit possession and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
- Key **challenges** identified in the implementation including those related to COVID 19;
- Priorities and plans.

Questions & Answers

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Emmanuel Vallens, Policy Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

13:45 **Conclusion of Day 1**

GOAL 2

By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are intelligence-led.

GOAL 3

By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.

Day 2, 26 November 2020

08:30 – 09:00 Access to the online platform.
Link to access the meeting: <https://live.kudoway.eu/ad/220218899026>

09:00 – 10:15 SESSION IV - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 4&5 OF THE ROADMAP- PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 4&5 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Presentations by SALW Commissions (6 mins per presentation/update).

Updates should focus on the status and concrete steps taken during the reporting period, including:

- Increasing awareness **among licensed private and legal entities**, including among FAE producers of the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE;
- Increasing awareness **among general population** of the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE;
- Providing legal measures allowing for **voluntary surrender and/or legalization** of firearms;
- Using **deactivation** as a tool to reduce illegal firearms possession;
- Key **challenges** identified in the implementation including those related to COVID 19;
- **Priorities and plans.**

Questions & Answers

Regional/international organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Slobodan Bošković, Project Officer, Conflict Prevention Centre / FSC Support Section, OSCE

10:15 – 11:15 SESSION V - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 6&7 OF THE ROADMAP - PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 6&7 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Presentations by SALW Commissions (6 mins per update).

Updates should focus on the status and concrete steps taken during the reporting period, including:

- Determining the status of **surpluses** stockpiled and **confiscated** firearms, ammunition and explosives as well as activities related to **their** destruction;
- Improving the **security infrastructure** of armed forces and law enforcement SALW/firearms and ammunition **storage facilities**;

GOAL 4

By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

GOAL 5

By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

GOAL 6

Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.

GOAL 7

Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

- **Overseeing** of firearms and ammunitions **stocks of legal entities and individuals** in possession of firearms;
- Key **challenges** identified in the implementation including those related to COVID 19;
- **Priorities and plans.**

Questions & Answers

Regional/international organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Ms. Eirini Lemos-Maniati, Deputy Director, Arms Control, Disarmament and WMD Non-Proliferation Center, NATO HQ

11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45 – 12:45 **SESSION VI – FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP**

- Update on funding mechanisms and tools established or available in support of the implementation of the Roadmap (OSCE, NATO and UN);
- Updates by donors on current or new planned funding.

Chair: Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

12:45 – 13:00 **Conclusions of the Meeting**

Mr. Georgios Kritikos, Deputy Head of Division for Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Arms Exports Control, European External Action Service