

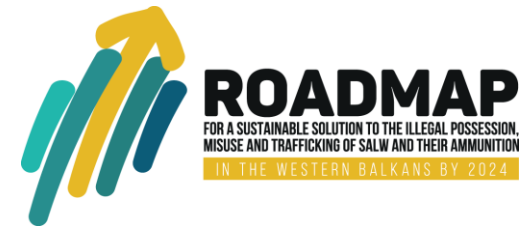
## CONTRIBUTION BY REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### 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 by 2024<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Disclaimer: This report has been prepared by SEESAC for the overview of ongoing projects and activities contributing to small arms and light weapons (SALW) control in the Western Balkans and to be distributed during the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting that will be held in hybrid setup and online on 6-7 July 2021.*



## FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) is co-implementing the EU ATT OP II project together with Expertise France</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>EU ATT OP II Project</i>  <i>Legal Basis: Council Decision 2017/915/CFSP</i></p> <p><i>European External Action Service, Directorate for Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, B-1049 Brussels, E-mail: <a href="mailto:NonProliferation-Disarm@eeas.europa.eu">NonProliferation-Disarm@eeas.europa.eu</a></i></p> <p><i>Ms. Irina Albrecht</i>  <i>Head of Division 225 – Outreach Projects/Policy, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Irina.Albrecht@bafa.bund.de">Irina.Albrecht@bafa.bund.de</a></i></p> <p><i>Expertise France (EF), E-mail: <a href="mailto:att@expertisefrance.fr">att@expertisefrance.fr</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>August 2017 – June 2021 (duration extended due to delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic)</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>South Eastern European Countries have the possibility to access the assistance under the Council Decision 2017/915/CFSP, but only in the format of ad hoc assistance:</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>European Union, Germany, BAFA, Expertise France</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 8,368,151
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>As per Article 1 of the Council Decision 2017/915/CFSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support a number of States to strengthen their arms transfer control systems for effective implementation of the ATT.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase awareness and ownership of the ATT at national and regional levels by the relevant national and regional authorities and civil society stakeholders.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure full legal and regulatory framework is in place with regards to FAE producers.</li> <li>Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> </ul>
<b>CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ad Hoc Seminar in Albania, 12-13 September 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring that the selection of participants is in line with the activity objectives.</li> <li>Since participants tend to have differing levels of experience and knowledge, striking the right balance between basic and advanced seminar content can be challenging.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	There were no direct effects on the cooperation with partner countries from the Western Balkans.
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b>	None for South East Europe.

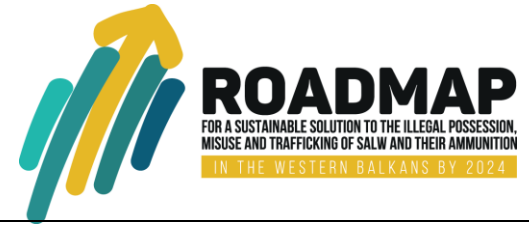
<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA)</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>EU Council Decision 2020/1464/CFSP on the Promotion of Effective Arms Export Controls (COARM V)</i></p> <p><i>European External Action Service, Directorate for Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, B-1049 Brussels, E-mail: <a href="mailto:NonProliferation-Disarm@eeas.europa.eu">NonProliferation-Disarm@eeas.europa.eu</a></i></p> <p><i>Ms. Irina Albrecht, Head of Division 225 – Outreach Projects/Policy, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Irina.Albrecht@bafa.bund.de">Irina.Albrecht@bafa.bund.de</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>December 2020 – November 2022</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<p><i>According Art. 6 of the Annex of the Council Decision 2020/1464/CFSP;</i></p> <p><i>Among others: South East Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia)</i></p>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>European Union, co-financed by the German Federal Foreign Office and BAFA</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>EUR 1,538,292</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p><i>As per Article 1 of the Council Decision 2020/1464/CFSP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Promoting effective controls on arms export by third countries, in accordance with the principles set out in Common Position 2008/944/CFSP and in the ATT, and seeking, where appropriate, complementarity and synergies with Union assistance projects in the field of export controls and dual use goods.</i></li> <li>• <i>Supporting countries’ efforts at national and regional level to render trade in conventional weapons more responsible and transparent, and to mitigate the risk of the diversion of arms to unauthorized users.</i></li> </ul>

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

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<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Assistance Workshop for Albania, 7-8 &amp; 14-15 April 2021</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that the right target group attends the workshops.</li> <li>• Since participants tend to have differing levels of experience and knowledge, finding the right balance between basic and advanced seminar content can be challenging.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related travel restrictions, it is uncertain when activities that cannot be conducted online (such as Study Visits) will be implemented. These activities had to be postponed indefinitely.</p>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Three flash sessions</b> open for all partner countries including the South Eastern European countries to be held in June 2021.</li> <li>• <b>Regional Workshop for South Eastern European countries</b> to be held in September 2021.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT) Project</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>EU Policy Cycle 2018-21 against organized and serious crime. Strategic goal 4: Cooperation with non-EU partners (third countries, international organisations).</i></p> <p><i>Operational action 4.1: Cooperation with the South-East Europe: Western Balkans, Moldova and Ukraine.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Adriana Tostón Díez, Major of the Spanish Guardia Civil, Criminal Police, Empact Firearms Driver; E-mail: <a href="mailto:amtostondiez@guardiacivil.es">amtostondiez@guardiacivil.es</a></i></p> <p><i>Activity contact point: Mr. Pedro García Vázquez, Action Leader Operational Action 4.1. Empact Firearms, Guardia Civil, E-mail: <a href="mailto:pedromanuelgarcia@guardiacivil.es">pedromanuelgarcia@guardiacivil.es</a></i></p> <p><i>EMPACT email: <a href="mailto:firearms@guardiacivil.org">firearms@guardiacivil.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2018-2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Bulgaria, Croatia, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Estonia, France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Slovenia, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom, Switzerland, Albania, Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia.</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>European Union and Spain</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>EUR 173,983 allocated to 16 operational actions in 2021</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS</b>	<i>Little flexibility to reallocate funds</i>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase intelligence picture.</li> <li>• Operational activities: prepare and conduct coordinated controls, investigations and prosecutions to detect and disrupt organised crime groups.</li> <li>• Capacity building: Increase prevention against threats relating to firearms crime priority.</li> <li>• Cooperation with non EU partners.</li> <li>• Document Fraud: Target Organised Crime Groups involved in the production and provision of fraudulent and false documents.</li> <li>• Combat criminal finances, money laundering, and facilitate asset recovery proceeds of crime.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target the Organised Criminal Groups and other actors involved in the online trade in illicit goods and services.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen tasking, coordination and monitoring functions of the Firearms Focal Points, to ensure effective policies on Prevention, Mitigation, Reaction, and Suppression of firearms misuse, trafficking and uncontrolled proliferation.</li> <li>Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kick-off meeting of the 2021 Operational Action among the activity leaders, which took place online on 15 January 2021.</li> <li>SEE JAD 2021 debriefing and SEE JAD 2021 preparatory meeting. The meeting was held in an online format on 24 February 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The uncertainty caused by the pandemic to be able to carry out activities.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The situation caused by COVID-19 affected the activities that were planned for 2020 such as the cyber patrolling workshop or Joint Action Day Cyber Patrolling South East Europe. Efforts will be made to organise these activities during 2021, although the evolution of the pandemic will have to be taken into account.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South East Europe Joint Action Day 2021</li> <li>Workshop on increase intelligence sharing (online) on 25 May 2021 that should be jointly organized with SEESAC.</li> <li>Cyber Patrolling workshop. The aim of the workshop is to do an assessment of the marketplaces that affect each jurisdiction as well as to teach specialists how this process is carried out.</li> </ul>

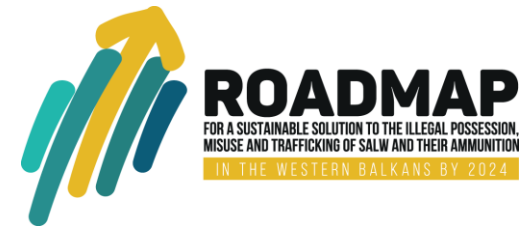


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joint Action Day Cyber Patrolling South East Europe: Operational action that will consist of gathering for a week the Workshop participants to carry out investigations based on the results of the workshop and supported by experts in the field.</li></ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>GIZ, Italian MoI, CILC</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans IPA 2019</i>  <i>Ms. Henrike Klavert, Component Leader, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Henrike.klavert@giz.de">Henrike.klavert@giz.de</a></i> <i>Ms. Amina Masovic, Legal Adviser, E-mail: <a href="mailto:amina.masovic@giz.de">amina.masovic@giz.de</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>July 2020 - June 2023</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Prosecution Offices, Ministries of Justice, Ministries of Interior, Ministries of Security, Law Enforcement Agencies in the Western Balkans region</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>EU, Germany, Italy</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>EUR 17,915,000</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p><b>Operational Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Our EU experts work with their colleagues in the Western Balkans on specific cases, establishing trust and close cooperation between Western Balkans law enforcement institutions, EU agencies and the Member States.</i></li> <li><i>• Together with Europol, the Drivers and the Action Leaders we improve the ability of the Western Balkans Institutions to actively take part in and contribute to the EU Policy Cycle (EMPACT Priorities).</i></li> <li><i>• The project offers EU wide expertise to our partner institutions - flexible and on demand: Technical Assistance Facility (TAF).</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• The project strengthens the cooperation with relevant EU Justice and Home Affairs agencies (e.g. Europol, Eurojust) &amp; relevant networks (e.g. European Justice Network).</i></li> <li><i>• With the Regional CT/Security advisor we support the functioning of the Regional Network of National Prevention and Countering of Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Coordinators.</i></li> <li><i>• Together with Europol and other partners, our experts support the partner institutions in developing two regional Threat Assessments on SOC and Terrorism.</i></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Interoperability of Information Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In synergy with Europol and other partners, the project supports partner institutions' upgrade and extension of information systems and databases.</li> <li>• By supporting and implementing of the EU directives 2004/82/EC and 2016/681 (API/PNR) we work on more robust passenger data protection standards within the Western Balkan systems.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure exchange of operational and strategic information, data, intelligence as well as evidence with Europol, Frontex and Eurojust.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> <li>• Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JAD 2018 Debriefing Meeting, Sarajevo (25-26 February 2019).</li> <li>• Support to preparation and participation in JAD Western Balkans 2019.</li> <li>• Ballistics Intelligence Sharing Workshop (12-13 September 2019).</li> <li>• JAD 2019 Debriefing Meeting, Webex (3 April 2020).</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	/
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	Some of the project activities have been postponed until it is feasible and safe to conduct them in physical format, while most of the activities have taken place in either physical or hybrid format.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyberpatrolling in cooperation with EMPACT Firearms (timeframe TBC).</li> <li>• Mapping and identification of ongoing firearms related investigations eligible for EMPACT Firearms Low Value Grants (ongoing).</li> </ul>



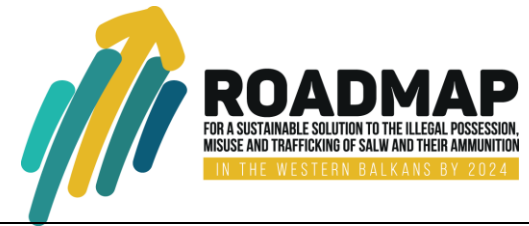
<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>ITF Enhancing Human Security</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Conventional Weapons Destruction and Physical Security and Stockpile Management in Montenegro</i>  <i>Mr. Gregor Sančanin, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:gregor.sancanin@itf.si">gregor.sancanin@itf.si</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2017-2022</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Interior - Emergency Management Directorate of Republic of Montenegro</i> <i>Ministry of Defense of Republic of Montenegro</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>United States of America</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>USD 3,150,000</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destruction of stored outdated and/or hazardous UXO in Podgorica/Rogami storage facility.</li> <li>• Safety and Security Adaption of UXO storage facilities in Podgorica/Rogami.</li> <li>• MoD stockpile destruction.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>

<p><b>CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Disposal and/or demilitarization of unexploded ordnance (UXO) for Ministry of Interior</u> Destruction of stored outdated and/or hazardous UXO in Podgorica/Rogami facility were finished by end April 2019 – in total 12.72 metric tons (13.10 U.S. tons) were disposed.</li> <li>• <u>Demilitarization of ammunitions for Ministry of Defense</u> By the end of 2019, 23.54 metric tons (25.95 U.S. tons) of ammunitions were demilitarized, while the remaining 64.10 metric tons (70.66 U.S. tons) of white phosphorous ammunition were demilitarized separately by the end of March 2020. A total of 24,701 pieces of various ammunition were demilitarized under the project.</li> <li>• <u>Safety and Security Adaptation of UXO storage facilities in Podgorica/Rogami for Ministry of Interior</u> Phase one of the project, creation of project design completed in March 2020, which would represent the basis for the second phase, i.e. technical equipping and adaptation of the Rogami storage (depending on the availability of additional funding).</li> <li>• <u>Disposal and/or demilitarization of unexploded ordnance (UXO) for Ministry of Interior</u> Destruction of stored outdated and/or hazardous UXO in Podgorica/Rogami facility were finished by early June 2020 – in total 48.6 metric tons (or 53 US tons) were disposed. In total 847,889 pieces of ERW were delaborated.</li> <li>• <u>Capacity Development for the Ministry of Interior, Directorate for Emergency Situations, Department for UXO – Explosive Remnants of War Risk Management and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training</u> The training project (consisting of IMAS EOD L2, L3 and L3 Maritime) for four employees of Mol Department of UXO commenced in end June and was in levels’ segments performed by mid-September 2020.</li> <li>• <u>Disposal and/or demilitarization of unexploded ordnance (UXO) for Ministry of Interior – 2020-2021</u> Destruction of stored outdated and/or hazardous UXO in Podgorica/Rogami facility – out of 12 metric tons (or 13 US tons), 8.47 metric tons (or 9 US tons) were disposed by end March 2021.</li> <li>• <u>Demilitarization of ammunitions for Ministry of Defense – 2020-2021</u> By the end of March 2021, out of contracted 46.61 metric tons (51 US tons), 27.52 metric tons (30 US tons) of ammunitions were demilitarized.</li> </ul>
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<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	N/A
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	No major delays.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of disposal and/or demilitarization of unexploded ordnance (UXO) for Ministry of Interior in 2021.</li> <li>• Continuation of disposal and/or demilitarization of unexploded ordnance (UXO) for Ministry of Defense in 2021.</li> <li>• Safety and Security Adaptation of UXO storage facilities in Podgorica/Rogami for Ministry of Interior in 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Phase two of the project, i.e. technical equipping and adaptation of the Rogami storage (depending on the availability of additional funding) – based on created project design.</p>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>ITF Enhancing Human Security</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Hotspot Clearance in Albania</i> <i>Ms. Nataša Uršič, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:natasa.ursic@itf.si">natasa.ursic@itf.si</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>August 2014 - June 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Albania</i> <i>Albanian Mine &amp; Munitions Coordination Office (AMMCO)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>United States of America</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 2,750,000 (2018-2021)
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A

<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The primary objective of the project is to reduce the threats to civilians of explosive remnants following the unplanned explosions in munition storages (UEMS) – called Hotspot areas – specifically, through clearance of these areas and thus improve security and safety in Albania.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<p><b>Hotspot Jube Sukth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearance of the <i>Phase 1</i> of Jube Sukth site was completed in December 2018. In April 2019, NPA executed handover with AMMCO of the cleared area. From 2014, NPA cleared 759,210 square meters of land, cancelled 718,529 square meters through non-technical survey and reduced 28,611 square meters through technical survey. During these activities, NPA teams removed 39,607 UXO, 131,701 SAA and 3,049 SALW.</li> <li><i>Phase 2</i> of the UXO clearance operations in Jube-Sukth started on 17 September 2019 with two new Albanian Armed Forces (AAF) Clearance teams trained by NPA.</li> <li>In total 45,589 square meters of contaminated land was cleared by AAF Clearance Teams and 575 items of unexploded ordnance (UXO) and of small arms and ammunitions (SAA ≤ 23 mm and bullets) were found in total during clearance process. The main items found included fuzes, hand grenades, electronic detonators, SAA, as well as larger items such as mortars and projectiles.</li> <li>AMMCO team was continuously coordinating and conducting Quality Assurance on this UXO hotspot clearance operation activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hotspot Sinanaj</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In total 171,389 square meters were cleared, removing 4,845 UXO and 17,000 SAA. More than 28.9 tons of scrap metal was removed. In total, 15.5 percent of the items found were red items.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<p>Heavy metal contamination in the “hotspots”.</p>



<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	COVID-19 delayed the last steps in the NPA demobilization phase for additional 3 months.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	In June 2021, last activity on the project - a training on the use of Ebinger Large Loop will be performed for Albanian Armed Forces.

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>National Ballistics Intelligence Service, United Kingdom</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Firearms Focal Points and Ballistics Forensics Capacity and Capability Support</i>  <i>Ms. Paula Parker, Head of International Development, NABIS, E-mail: <a href="mailto:paula.parker@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk">paula.parker@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>Continuous</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Regional WB6</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Home Office, United Kingdom</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	N/A
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	To improve the capacities and capabilities of the relevant agencies within the Western Balkans to tackle the threat from firearms, focusing on developing partnerships to enhance the sharing of good practice between firearms focal points and ballistic forensic experts.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 1</b> - 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 <b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<b>Goal 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> </ul> <b>Goal 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure exchange of operational and strategic information, data, intelligence as well as evidence with Europol, Frontex and Eurojust.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NABIS experts have previously visited forensics facilities in Belgrade, Banja Luka and Sarajevo, and provided <b>reports outlining a gap analysis against ISO 17025 accreditation standards</b>. Each</li> </ul>



	<p>of the jurisdictions has subsequently adopted the action plans and are working towards filling the gaps. The reports were also shared with UNDP SEESAC and UNDP SALW Coordinators, to allow for a multi-agency response to the outstanding issues. A similar visit is planned for the lab in Tirana when travel is resumed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NABIS have provided mentoring to Kosovo and North Macedonia in relation to their work regarding upgrading their accreditation standards from 2005 to 2017 standards. Having attained 2017 accreditation North Macedonia are now considering further areas of accreditation, to enhance their working practices, and NABIS have agreed to provide mentoring and support to these aspirations.</li> <li>• The forensics facility in Tirana has shared SOP’s with NABIS and they are being assessed against ISO 17025 standards.</li> <li>• NABIS documentation, including Quality manual procedures, processes and training modules have previously been shared across WB6 forensics centres and they remain available to all labs for guidance and support.</li> <li>• The UK are supporting the development of a new forensic facility in Tirana and NABIS staff will work alongside UK and Albanian colleagues to assist with the development of the ballistic forensic facility within that laboratory. In addition, plans are in place for the Albanian Quality Manager to visit the UK NABIS laboratory when travel restrictions are lifted.</li> <li>• NABIS and UK Home Office continue to scope across worldwide FFPs and forensics centres of ballistics intelligence databases to identify good practice to develop a database suitable for use within FFP’s. The aim is for the database to provide an end-to-end system for firearms investigations and improve intelligence linkages. This system should be available for wider use within WB FFPs, once it is developed, should they wish to take advantage of it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of COVID 19 has meant that NABIS experts have been unable to travel to the WB region to provide on hand support. Remote support and attendance at virtual meetings have replaced in person support.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT’S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of COVID 19 has been significant as travelling from the UK to the Western Balkans countries has been curtailed. This has affected the capability for NABIS staff to travel to the region since the beginning of FY 2020/21, however engagement continues with all of the labs and mentoring/support is available through on-line and virtual methods. NABIS are supporting the regional forensics facilities in developing a course for serial number restoration, to be delivered later in 2021 when travel is permitted. This training will be supported by SEESAC and</li> </ul>

	<p>delivered to all of the ballistics labs, under the support of the firearms roadmap MPTF. It was identified that virtual delivery of this training would not be appropriate, hence, it was postponed from 2020.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for an inspection against ISO accreditation of the laboratory in Tirana, Albania. This has been postponed until international travel can be resumed but is hoped to take place in summer 2021. In the meantime, NABIS are engaging with the laboratory to undertake as much of the work that can be done remotely, such as assessment of documentation. In addition, NABIS are advising the lab in relation to future purchase of equipment for their new lab.</li> <li>• NABIS will continue to provide support to assist national forensic laboratories in their ISO accreditation, extension of scope or re-accreditation plans. Each jurisdiction has different requirements hence the support is bespoke. This will remain virtual/distanced whilst international travel remains on hold, but will revert to in-person when travel is resumed</li> <li>• Plans for serial number recovery training across region in partnership with UNDP SEESAC.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to BiH</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b><i>Arms Control</i></b>  <i>Mr. Andrei Sarban, Arms Control Project Officer (ACPO), Department for Security Cooperation (DSC)</i> <i>E-mail: <a href="mailto:andrei.sarban@osce.org">andrei.sarban@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>BiH Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Armed Forces of BiH (AF BiH); BiH Ministry of Security (MoS); BiH Strategic and Coordination Committees for Weapons, Ammunition and Explosive Ordnance; Coordination Board for the Control of SALW in BiH; entity- and cantonal-level ministries of interior (Mols); Police of the Brčko District of BiH; police administrations; BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (MoFTER); citizens of BiH.</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>OSCE Unified Budget</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 33,476
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support BiH in developing more effective and efficient weapons and ammunition management frameworks and capacities in line with relevant OSCE commitments and best practices.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - By 2025, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and standardized across the region.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the number of surplus and seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>

<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full legal and regulatory framework is in place with regards to FAE producers.</li> <li>• Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Strengthen tasking, coordination and monitoring functions of the SALW Commissions, to ensure effective policies on Prevention, Mitigation, Reaction, and Suppression of firearms misuse, trafficking and uncontrolled proliferation.</p> <p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support meetings and workshops concerned with the implementation of the SALW Control Strategy and work of the Coordination Board for SALW Control.</li> <li>• Support BiH participation at OSCE meetings on SALW and SCA.</li> <li>• Support compliance of BiH with international arms control commitments.</li> <li>• Conduct monitoring and assessment visits to ammunition and weapons storage sites, demolition ranges and demilitarization facilities in BiH.</li> <li>• Support BiH participation at regional and international events on SALW and SCA Management.</li> <li>• Support integration of a gender-monitoring framework into arms control projects.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The slowdown of project implementation due to the COVID-19 pandemic security situation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>Following the interruption of regular Mission work on 13 March 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the timeline for implementation of activities in the Mission's UBP <i>Arms Control</i> project has been adjusted. As many partners postponed their activities related to arms control, the Mission adjusted its plan in order to implement all activities planned in the <i>Arms Control</i> project by the end of this year.</p>

<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizing capacity-building workshops and supporting co-ordination meetings concerned with the implementation of the Ammunition, Weapons and Explosives Master Plan(s).</li> <li>• Conducting monitoring and assessment visits and facilitate MoD visits to ammunition and weapons storage sites, demolition ranges and demilitarisation facilities in BiH.</li> <li>• Supporting BiH participation at regional and international events on SALW and SCA management.</li> <li>• Coorganizing specialized training for AF BiH experts on ammunition management.</li> <li>• Coorganizing a workshop for AF BiH and LEAs on the management of weapons and ammunition stockpiles.</li> <li>• Supporting the participation of members of the SALW Coordination Board at the OSCE course for national coordinators on small arms and ammunition.</li> <li>• Supporting MoS and law enforcement in harmonizing legislation on firearms and implementing the SALW Control Strategy.</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to Montenegro</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Strengthening action against illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of small arms and light weapons, ammunition, and explosives in Montenegro</i>  <i>Ms. Nadja Bobicic, Project Assistant – SALW Focal Point, E-mail: <a href="mailto:nadja.bobicic@osce.org">nadja.bobicic@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>15 January 2021 – 31 December 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of the Interior – Police Directorate, Ministry of Defence – Army of Montenegro</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>OSCE Unified Budget</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 68,676
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance the policies and capacities of national authorities to manage their stockpiles of ammunition and explosives safely and sustainably. It will do so through the creation of the Rulebook on safe storage of ammunition; by conducting a feasibility study for the development of a database on the life cycle of ammunition; and by improving the capacity of the MoD/MoI to control the stability of gunpowder/ammunition in their storage sites.</li> <li>• To raise awareness on dangers of misuse and illegal proliferation of firearms, ammunition and explosives through the development of a public outreach campaign involving all the relevant stakeholders in Montenegro.</li> <li>• To harmonize legislation on deactivation on SALW with the regulations of the European Union and the OSCE Guide on Best Practices for Small Arms Deactivation.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the regional EU framework and other related international obligations and standardized across the region.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> – By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p>

	<p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> <li>Exchange good practices with a specific focus on the areas defined in the Roadmap.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness among the general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantially increase the number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition.</li> <li>Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	The Mission is in the process of hiring experts that will assist in the implementation of activities.
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	Travel restrictions and delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	The activities will be implemented with a few months delay due to the Covid-19 related restrictions on travel and meetings. Changes in the government after last year's elections were another cause for delay.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donation of equipment for detection of FAE and training for PD on the effective use of the equipment (upcoming in May and June 2021).</li> <li>Support in drafting a Rulebook on safe storage of conventional ammunition.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility study for the development of a database on the lifecycle of ammunition.</li> <li>• Improving the capacity of MoD and MoI to control the stability of gunpowder/ammunition storage facilities.</li> <li>• Developing public campaign on the danger of misuse of weapons, ammunition and explosives.</li> <li>• Analysis of harmonization of the legislative framework on deactivation of SALW with international standards.</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to Skopje</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Reduction of the Risk for Proliferation of Weapons and Ammunition in the Republic of North Macedonia</i> <i>Mr. Gabor Kemeny, Project Coordinator, OSCE, E-mail: <a href="mailto:gabor.kemeny@osce.org">gabor.kemeny@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>August 2017- March 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>European Union, Federal Foreign Office of Germany</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 1,416,948
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	No
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The objective is to assist the Government in its efforts to implement international commitments in the politico-military field and contribute to security and stability in the country.</li> <li>• To increase the security of the existing stockpiles of small arms and ammunition, managed by the MoIA, thus reducing the risk of their proliferation</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 3</b> - Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>

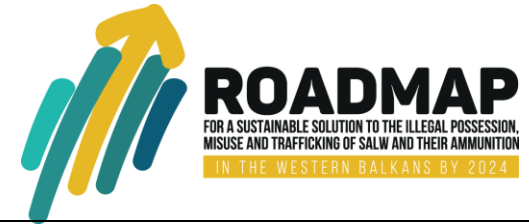


<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on safe storage and management of duty weapons.</li> <li>• Developed Training manual to increase the knowledge of the police on the SOP.</li> <li>• Conducted ToT training course on the SOP.</li> <li>• Conducted on-site training courses on the SOP.</li> <li>• Completed physical and ICT security upgrade for all (15) border police stations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>/</p>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, implementation of the upgrade works has slowed down.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing the project.</li> <li>• Finalising administrative works.</li> </ul>

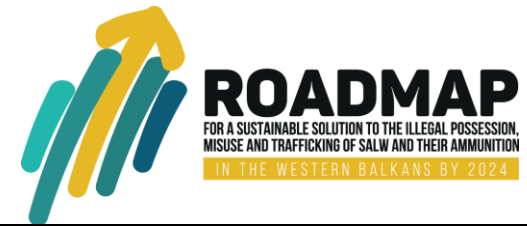
<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC)</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Physical Security and Stockpile Management/SALW/ammunition capacity enhancement Project</i> <i>Ms. Beata Varga, Activity Manager, Cooperative and Security Environment Pillar, E-mail: <a href="mailto:cse@racviac.org">cse@racviac.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>From 2020 onward (in the new – Roadmap – framework)</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Countries of the region (RACVIAC countries, RASR countries, beneficiaries of the Roadmap)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>RACVIAC, EU through UNDP SEESAC, in-kind contributions from ITF, NSPA (TBC), SAS (TBC)</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep a focus on the life cycle management of SALW and ammunition issue as a continuation of capacity building in PSSM of armed forces in the region through the RASR process. The Roadmap projects/activities due to the need to address arms trafficking and illicit possession of firearms have a larger focus on law enforcement than armed forces, therefore the activity will aim to target armed forces throughout the region in further improving the capacities related in particular to stockpile security and safety, including ammunition surveillance. At least one annual (educational) event is to be devoted to this particular aspect in the future (from 2020 ongoing) with the aim of keeping regional cooperation focused on this specific – military – side of the issue. A RACVIAC PSSM activity would be able to contribute filling these capacity gaps in the future in this way contributing to the Roadmap implementation as well.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Related courses and other activities in the realm of education and outreach.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<p>The methodology and implementation of this activity depends on the type and the possibility of any restriction measures being still in place due to COVID 19, which would limit travel for the workshop participants.</p>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<p>Instead of the initially planned course an online seminar took place during December 2020. The realization of the plans for 2021 is still uncertain.</p>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seminar/Course focusing on current PSSM issues and Ammunition Surveillance for Officers, NCOs and civilians who are involved in PSSM and/or SALW/AC management cycle, November 2021.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>Secretariat of the Police Cooperation Convention of Southeast Europe (PCC SEE)</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Practical Implementation of the PCC SEE - Support in the deployment of officers among Contracting Parties pursuant to Article 26 PCC SEE for the purpose of criminal investigations</i>  <i>Ms. Katarina Lednik: E-mail: <a href="mailto:k.lednik@dcaf.ch">k.lednik@dcaf.ch</a> and Mr. Ottavio Bottecchia, E-mail: <a href="mailto:o.bottecchia@dcaf.ch">o.bottecchia@dcaf.ch</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>This is a <u>permanent</u> offer of the PCC SEE Secretariat for an indefinite period</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>12 Contracting Parties to the PCC SEE, namely: Albania, Austria, BiH, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>PCC SEE Secretariat core budget.</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>No restrictions</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p><b>What?</b> Facilitate any phase of an ongoing criminal investigation in a beneficiary country.</p> <p><b>How?</b> Through the deployment of law enforcement officers from one beneficiary countries to the territory of another beneficiary country for a specified period of time.</p> <p><b>Why?</b> To provide on-the-spot expertise and operational support.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 3</b> – By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The offer for law enforcement officers from one beneficiary countries to the territory of another beneficiary country from PCC SEE Secretariat was made available in several cases. The PCC SEE Secretariat supported such a deployment also in the framework of EMPACT Firearms (Bulgaria and North Macedonia).</li> </ul>



<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	The main challenges are related to travel restrictions due to COVID 19.
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	There has been a decrease in the number of requests for supporting the deployment of law enforcement officers. Nevertheless, this is and remains a permanent offer of the PCC SEE Secretariat.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whenever and wherever the COVID 19 related measures and restrictions will allow for deployment of law enforcement officers for the purpose of criminal investigations, the PCC SEE Secretariat is ready to support the beneficiary countries upon their request.</li></ul>



<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	SEESAC
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>Support for SEESAC Disarmament and Arms Control Activities in SEE</b> Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC, E-mail: <a href="mailto:bojana.balon@undp.org">bojana.balon@undp.org</a>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	2017-2020
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Ministries of Interior, Police Services, Ministries of Defence, Armed Forces, Ministries of Economy, Customs Administrations, Prosecution Offices, and other relevant institutions in South East Europe
<b>DONOR</b>	European Union ( <a href="#">EU Council Decision 2016/2356 in support of SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in South East Europe</a> and <a href="#">EU Council Decision 2019/2113 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/2356 in support of SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities</a> )
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 6,508,136
<b>FUNDING GAPS</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	SEESAC is facilitating strategic and operational cooperation on SALW control in South East Europe in line with the <a href="#">South East Europe Regional Implementation Plan on Combatting the Proliferation and Impact of Small Arms and Light Weapons</a> . Since 2019, SEESAC is also responsible for coordination on the implementation of the <a href="#">Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons and their ammunition in the Western Balkans</a> , as per the <a href="#">EU Council Decision 2018/1788</a> . The assistance to the authorities is provided through a comprehensive SALW control programme in reducing the availability of surplus SALW and their ammunition by: improving the security of storage facilities; combatting illicit trafficking through improved capacities for tracing of firearms, advanced record-keeping, marking, and investigations; cross-border cooperation; improving transparency of arms transfers; developing evidence based policies on SALW control with an integrated gender perspective; as well as raising awareness of the threat posed by SALW. Activities are designed to strengthen national control systems, and to foster regional mechanisms for countering the destabilizing spread of SALW and their ammunition. Direct project beneficiaries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia. As of 2017 the program introduced limited support for Belarus and Ukraine.

<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full legal and regulatory framework is in place with regards to FAE producers.</li> <li>• Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional FAE.</li> <li>• Strengthen tasking, coordination and monitoring functions of the Firearms Focal Points, to ensure effective policies on Prevention, Mitigation, Reaction, and Suppression of firearms misuse, trafficking and uncontrolled proliferation.</li> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>• Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> <li>• Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> <li>• Ensure that legal measures are in place allowing legalization and voluntary surrender of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED</b></p>	<p><b>Regional cooperation enabling information sharing and knowledge transfer leading to improved policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Six regional meetings of SALW commissions</b> and relevant policymaking bodies were held and enabled information exchange, knowledge sharing and standardization.</li> <li>• Transfer of expertise to Belarus and Ukraine conducted through the facilitation of participation in regional meetings of SALW commissions and translation and dissemination of existing SALW control tools.</li> <li>• On-demand technical advice and expertise were provided in order to enhance policy development, design, adoption and implementation.</li> <li>• Capacities for evidence-based policymaking were enhanced by: improving and updating the regional SALW situation baseline through a regional <a href="#">SALW survey</a>; enhancing data collection and tracking of trends through continuous updating of the <a href="#">Armed Violence Monitoring Platform</a>.</li> <li>• Mainstreaming gender in SALW control achieved through the implementation of capacity development activities through three <a href="#">gender coach programmes</a> and three national and one regional gender and SALW trainings.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening knowledge management carried out through the development of policy-relevant on-demand knowledge products and an <a href="#">online information-exchange platform</a>.</li> <li>• Published knowledge products as follows:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">SALW Surveys</a>,</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Gender and Small Arms: Fast Facts</a>,</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Men and Firearms in South East Europe: Fast Facts</a>,</li> <li>○ <a href="#">The Misuse of Firearms in Domestic Violence in South East Europe: Fast Facts</a>,</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Regional Report on Arms Exports in 2015</a>, <a href="#">Regional Report on Arms Exports in 2016</a>, <a href="#">Regional Report on Arms Exports in 2017</a>,</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Guidelines on Establishing a Firearms Focal Point</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Improved capacity for PSSM through infrastructure security upgrades, surplus reduction and training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security of stockpiles was increased through targeted infrastructure upgrades at police storage facilities in Albania (2), BiH (5), Kosovo (2), Moldova (2), Montenegro (2) and Serbia (2). The upgrades were focused on central police storages as well as evidence rooms in main police stations.</li> <li>• 48,014 SALW surplus and confiscated 9,075 SALW parts and components and 499,999 pcs of ammunition were destroyed.</li> <li>• Capacity development was provided through the training of a regional pool of Mol trainers and support for national training sessions on PSSM based on the SEESAC curricula piloted under Council Decision 2013/730/CFSP).</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhanced capacity for investigations, marking, tracing, record-keeping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Six South-East Europe Firearms Experts Network (SEEFEN)</b> meetings were held, strengthening the operational cooperation among the institutions in Western Balkans (bringing together police, prosecutors, ballistics experts, border police representatives and customs officials); at the regional (amongst the Western Balkans institutions), and the international level (among Western Balkans authorities and EU, Europol, EMPACT, Interpol, Frontex, NABIS, etc.).</li> <li>• The establishment and operationalization of Firearms Focal Points (FFP) in SEE was supported. FFPs are central information collection and analysis units supporting investigators and prosecutors and enabling the building and updating of the intelligence picture on criminal use and trafficking firearms from and through SEE. Technical advice was provided as required as well as specialized training and relevant IT tools needed for the collection and analysis of the information.</li> <li>• Networking among firearms focal points of the EU and the Western Balkans in cooperation with EMPACT.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marking machines procured and installed and related training organised for the institutions with the mandate to perform marking of firearms in Albania, Serbia, Kosovo, Moldova and Montenegro. The marking machine will not just improve the capacities for marking of firearms, but it will also reduce the threat of illicit trafficking of firearms by increasing the possibilities for tracing and will also bring WBs closer in line with the EU standards in this regards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reducing illicit possession and misuse of firearms through the support for awareness-raising and collection campaigns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional perception survey on the use, possession and dangers of firearms in South-East Europe was conducted.</li> <li>An online awareness-raising campaign seeking to reduce the levels of illicit possession of firearms (see: <a href="http://www.armyourselwith.org/">http://www.armyourselwith.org/</a>) was implemented in all the languages of the region.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and governments’ decisions to close borders and widely limit the movement of goods across the Western Balkans jurisdictions and beyond, the delivery of the marking machines and related training for the institutions with the mandate to perform marking of firearms in Albania, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, and Serbia was postponed to the second half of 2020.</li> </ul>

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<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	2020-2023
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministries of Interior, Police Services, Ministries of Economy, Customs Administrations, Prosecution Offices, and other relevant institutions in South East Europe</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	European Union ( <a href="#">EU Council Decision 2019/2111 in support of SEESAC disarmament and arms control activities in South-East Europe reducing the threat of illicit small arms and light weapons and their ammunition</a> )
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 11,819,605
<b>FUNDING GAPS</b>	N/A

<p><b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b></p>	<p>SEESAC is facilitating strategic and operational cooperation on SALW control in South East Europe in line with the <a href="#">South East Europe Regional Implementation Plan on Combatting the Proliferation and Impact of Small Arms and Light Weapons</a>. Since 2019, SEESAC is also responsible for coordination on the implementation of the <a href="#">Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons and their ammunition in the Western Balkans</a>, as per the <a href="#">EU Council Decision 2018/1788</a>. Specifically, the project will contribute to strengthened regional cooperation, knowledge exchange and information-sharing on SALW control; <b>comprehensive support the capacity building of border police and criminal police services of the Western Balkans for countering illicit trafficking and possession of firearms through training, Standard Operating Procedures and provision of equipment</b>; and support further enhancement of capacities for PSSM. Direct project beneficiaries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Belarus and Ukraine.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full legal and regulatory framework is in place with regards to FAE producers.</li> <li>• Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional FAE.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen tasking, coordination and monitoring functions of the Firearms Focal Points, to ensure effective policies on Prevention, Mitigation, Reaction, and Suppression of firearms misuse, trafficking and uncontrolled proliferation.</li> <li>Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> <li>Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> <li>Ensure that legal measures are in place allowing legalization and voluntary surrender of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <p>Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p><b>Continuation of facilitation of regional cooperation and support for evidence-based policy-making on SALW control, thus further contributing to the reduction of the threat of illicit proliferation of SALW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of South East Europe Firearms Experts Network was held on 17-18 November 2020, with participation from law enforcement officials including ballistic experts, customs administration, prosecutors, criminal and border police representatives from Western Balkans, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.</li> <li>The 13<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting of SALW Commissions was held on 13-14 April 2021 and it included over 50 representatives from 20 institutions in South East and East Europe. Commission meetings are organized to gather arms control policy-makers from the region to share common challenges and identify solutions to address the illicit possession, trafficking, and misuse of firearms.</li> </ul>

- Support was provided to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of the development of a new SALW Strategy through a workshop in Sarajevo organized with this purpose, on 9-10 March 2020, with participation of the SALW Coordination board members and representatives of international organizations.
- Upon request of the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in close cooperation with SALW Coordination Board, SEESAC delivered a two-day training on capacity building on gender mainstreaming to focal points of the BiH Ministry of Security. The training, organized on 25-26 January 2021 via an online platform, was attended by 12 members of the recently established Gender Equality Coordination Board of the BiH Ministry of Security.
- Support was provided to the SALW Commission of North Macedonia in assessing its current SALW strategy and action plan, which expire at the end of 2021. During reporting period, two workshops were held on 21 January and 30 March. As part of this process, SEESAC will continue to support throughout the year, the development of the new SALW Strategy and its Action Plan.
- Regional meeting of Firearms Focal Points with representatives from Western Balkans and Moldova, was held on 19 November 2020.
- The [Regional Report on Arms Exports for 2018](#), which collects information on arms exports from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia and Serbia was published.
- In the context of EU Council Decision support for the transfer of SEE acquired expertise to other regions, SEESAC provided support to UNODA in delivery of tailor-made coaching programmes on mainstreaming gender in small arms control to UNRCPD, UNREC and UNLIREC staff.
- Maintenance of the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform and the online information exchange platform with regular dissemination of a SEE Armed Violence Monitor enabling capturing of trends and development of policy-relevant on-demand knowledge products. In total, 13 monthly reports, two quarterly reports and three In Focus reports have been published.

**Further support to capacity building of law enforcement and border authorities in preventing and countering illicit arms and explosives trafficking**

As a follow up to the Needs Assessment of capacities of Border Police Services to counter illicit trafficking of firearms, supported by the EU CD 2018/1788, that will represent a basis for a comprehensive 3 years long support to border and criminal police services in provision of technical advise, development of SOPs, training and procurement of equipment, the following was initiated:

- A four-day workshop on drafting of new SOPs for countering illicit possession and trafficking of SALW for the Albanian Border and Migration Police was organized on 19-22 October 2020. The SOPs focus on for the first- and second-line border control for the detection of firearms and explosives

	<p>(FAE) at border crossing points (BCPs), as well as procedures concerning the detection of FAE posing substantial security and safety threats and other emergency situations at BCPs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Meeting of Border Police Representatives from Western Balkans on Countering Illicit Arms Trafficking to adopt the findings of the needs assessment conducted by SEESAC were held on 1 December 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Improvement of capacities for physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) through infrastructure security upgrades, surplus reduction and training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial assessment of the locations proposed for evidence rooms in Serbia and technical documentation for the procurement of upgrade design were prepared.</li> <li>Works for the security upgrade of three evidence rooms of the local Police Directorates of Montenegro initiated.</li> <li>A detailed infrastructure assessment of the three evidence rooms of Kosovo Police was completed.</li> <li>1,864 pieces of SALW and its parts were destroyed in Bosnia and Herzegovina in October 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In mid-March jurisdictions in the Western Balkans introduced a wide set of measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. These include restrictions to the freedom of movement and public gatherings and downsizing of non-essential governmental and business processes. Furthermore, the state institutions, including SEESAC’s direct beneficiaries, have shifted their efforts to emergency response measures. Because of this, some project activities have been affected, such as organization of some meetings, and the implementation of the activities stemming from the needs assessment of border police services such as development of SOPs, purchase of equipment and training. SEESAC is closely monitoring the situation in order to re-schedule the activities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Facilitation of regional cooperation and support for evidence-based policymaking on SALW control, thus further contributing to the reduction of the threat of illicit proliferation of SALW.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting of SALW Commissions, as well as of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Meetings of South East Europe Firearms Experts Network.</li> <li>Provision of support to SALW Commissions for SALW data collection and analysis based on recommendation of the regional SALW Survey.</li> <li>Further integration of gender perspective in SALW control policies in SEE.</li> <li>Tracking of trends through the continuous updating of the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform and regular dissemination of a SEE Armed Violence Monitor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Further support to capacity building of law enforcement and border authorities in preventing and countering illicit arms and explosives trafficking</b></p>

	<p>As a follow up to the Needs Assessment of capacities of Border Police Services to counter illicit trafficking of firearms, supported by the EU CD 2018/1788, that will represent a basis for a comprehensive 3 years long support to border and criminal police services in provision of technical advise, development of SOPs, training and procurement of equipment, the following will be done until the end of 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the SOPs for <b>border police authorities</b> in Albania, , Montenegro, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia and procurement of equipment.</li> <li>• Comprehensive support in countering illicit arms trafficking to <b>criminal police services</b> in Albania, BiH, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia, through development of <b>SOPs., Improvement of capacities for physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) through infrastructure security upgrades, surplus reduction and training</b></li> <li>• Based on the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic enhance the security of up to six evidence rooms.</li> <li>• Plan with the authorities the support required for destruction of surplus SALW and ammunition.</li> <li>• Jointly organize a workshop with RACVIAC on ammunition stockpile management and their surveillance systems.</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	SEESAC
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Support for SEESAC for the implementation of the Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC, E-mail: <a href="mailto:bojana.balon@undp.org">bojana.balon@undp.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>17/12/2018 – 16/12/2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>ROADMAP beneficiaries, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova institutions</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>European Union (EU Council Decision 2018/1788 in support of SEESAC for the implementation of the Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans)</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 4,002,587

<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of the implementation of the Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW/firearms and their ammunition in the Western Balkans.</li> <li>• Support to the authorities of the Western Balkans in fully harmonizing their arms-control legislation with the Union regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standards across the region.</li> <li>• Countering illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus through capacity assessments and technical assistance to the law-enforcement and border-police authorities.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full legal and regulatory framework is in place with regards to FAE producers.</li> <li>• Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional FAE.</li> <li>• Strengthen tasking, coordination and monitoring functions of the Firearms Focal Points, to ensure effective policies on Prevention, Mitigation, Reaction, and Suppression of firearms misuse, trafficking and uncontrolled proliferation.</li> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>• Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p><b><u>I Coordination and Monitoring of the Roadmap implementation:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Coordination of Roadmap implementation</u></b> is done through Regional and Local coordination meetings and bilateral coordination meetings with all the stakeholders that are involved in Roadmap implementation.</p> <p><b>Coordination:</b>  <u>Four Regional Roadmap Coordination Meetings were organized:</u> on 28 May 2019 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 20-21 November 2019 in Tirana, Albania, while <u>the Third and Fourth Regional Roadmap Coordination Meetings</u> was organized online, due do the COVID 19 pandemic. The Third Meeting was organized on 3 July 2020 and the Fourth Meeting was held on 25-26 November 2020.</p> <p><u>The first, second, third and fourth round of the local coordination meetings</u> on the implementation of the Roadmap have been supported in 6 Western Balkans jurisdictions covered by the Roadmap. In total, 21 local Roadmap coordination meetings have been supported. These meetings are organized by SALW Commissions in each jurisdiction.</p> <p><b><u>Monitoring of progress towards Roadmap Key Performance Indicators:</u></b></p> <p>A regional meeting with representatives of SALW Commissions was organized by SEESAC in Belgrade on 6 March 2019 with the aim to discuss and agree on the final template of the Roadmap <b><u>Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Reporting Framework. Following its finalization,</u></b> the (KPIs) Reporting Framework and a <b><u>Narrative Report Template</u></b> were sent to the authorities of the region to collect the data required for measuring the progress on the KPIs. Four regional <b>reports</b> have been prepared based on inputs received by each jurisdiction and covering the period from January 2018 – June 2020. <b>The Narrative Report Template</b> follows the goals of the Roadmap and enables the authorities from the region to provide a descriptive information on the status of implementation of activities undertaken and planned as well as challenges and needs identified for support under each goal from the Roadmap.</p> <p>A regional meeting with representatives of SALW Commissions was organized by SEESAC in Belgrade on 5 March 2020 in preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Roadmap progress reports. Participants at the meeting discussed the challenges encountered in collecting the data and preparing the national-level Roadmap reports. The meeting</p>

	<p>was also organized to present and discuss <b>the working version of the software solution for the automatic data collection.</b></p> <p>A software for the automatic data collection has been developed with the aim to facilitate the automatic production of the KPIs progress reports, through a web-based application. The application allows the input of data under each KPI simultaneously by several institutions under the same platform. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> reports have been submitted through a software solution by all six jurisdictions. The software for the automatic data collection has been further developed in order to enable data comparison across reporting periods, as well as per years and selected filters.</p> <p><a href="#">The 1<sup>st</sup> regional monitoring report</a> developed and presented during the 1<sup>st</sup> regional Roadmap coordination meeting;</p> <p><a href="#">The 2<sup>nd</sup> regional monitoring report</a> developed and presented during the 2<sup>nd</sup> regional Roadmap coordination meeting.</p> <p><a href="#">The 3<sup>rd</sup> regional monitoring report</a> developed and presented during the 3<sup>rd</sup> regional Roadmap coordination meeting.</p> <p><a href="#">The 4<sup>th</sup> regional monitoring report</a> developed and presented during the 4<sup>th</sup> regional Roadmap coordination meeting.</p> <p><b>The 5<sup>th</sup> regional monitoring report</b> is under development and will be distributed ahead of the 5<sup>th</sup> regional Roadmap coordination meeting.</p> <p>An online platform to ensure proper outreach and visibility of the Roadmap has been developed and updated regularly on SEESAC's online information exchange platform.</p> <p><b><u>II Technical support to SALW Commissions</u></b></p> <p>The first media strategy development coach programme was completed by the Head of the SALW Coordination Board of Bosnia and Herzegovina, strengthening his capacities for outreach and advocacy.</p> <p>A media strategy development coach programme was completed by the Head of the SALW Commission in Montenegro.</p>
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	<p>Planning of a media coaching programme, with the aim of strengthening the capacities of other SALW commissions in the region for outreach and advocacy was initiated in 2021.</p> <p><b><u>III Support to authorities in the Western Balkans in fully harmonizing their arms-control legislation with EU's regulatory framework and other related international obligation</u></b></p> <p>In 2019, the authorities in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia were supported with development of gap analyses of legal frameworks on control of SALW, ammunition and explosives.</p> <p>Furthermore, two workshops on harmonization of the SALW control legal framework in BiH were organized in Sarajevo, on 16-17 April 2019 and on 24-25 June 2019, while a legal harmonization workshop resulting in the first draft of the new Law on weapons, harmonized with relevant EU regulatory framework, was conducted in Serbia, on 5-6 September 2019. Additionally, a workshop on the legal harmonization of the Law on Weapons with relevant parts of EU Acquis was organized in Podgorica, Montenegro, on 2-3 December 2019.</p> <p>A regional workshop on arms control harmonization with EU Acquis was organized in Podgorica, on 17-18 September 2019.</p> <p>In 2020 support in development of gap analysis of legal frameworks on control of SALW, ammunition and explosives was provided to North Macedonia. Advisory support on the harmonization of the explosives control legal framework was provided to North Macedonia, with a focus on the draft Law on civil use of explosives including pyrotechnic materials. A meeting was organized for this purpose on 21-22 January 2020 with the Ministry of Interior - the Section for Firearms, Section for Legal Affairs, Department for Cooperation with the EU, Department for Special Police Operations, and the Border and Migration Department.</p> <p>Gap analysis of the Law on weapons was also conducted in Kosovo. A gap analysis of the Law on Weapons was prepared based on a detailed methodology, comparing the Law with the latest EU Directive.</p> <p>Advisory support was also provided to Serbia on the new draft Law on Weapons, comparing its provisions with the EU regulatory framework in the field of SALW control and the best practices implemented in the EU. A meeting was organized on 12-13 March 2020, in Belgrade.</p> <p>Advisory support provided to Bosnia and Herzegovina on the development of the new SALW Strategy and Action Plan.</p>
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	<p>A thematic workshop on the Draft law of civil use of explosives and pyrotechnic material organized on 30 October 2020 in North Macedonia.</p> <p>A 2<sup>nd</sup> <b>regional workshop</b> dealing with harmonization of legislation in the field of SALW and explosives control with EU Acquis was organized on 15 December 2020, via an online platform.</p> <p>In 2021, an advisory support on the harmonization of the explosives control legal framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a focus on the draft Law on civil use of explosives.</p> <p>During January and February 2021, advisory meetings were organized with the Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia on draft Law on civil use of explosives, draft Law on development, production and trade in military equipment, as well as on the draft Law on weapons. During the meetings, working group members and SEESAC experts discussed and reviewed in detail articles of the draft Laws, provided comments on detected gaps comparing it with the EU directives and regulations and gave recommendations for revisions.</p> <p>A three-day workshop dedicated to the development of the new Law on weapons was held in Pristina on 25, 31 March and 1 April. During the workshop representatives of the Department of Public Safety and SEESAC experts worked together on the development of the Concept Document on the Law of weapons and discussed in detail the draft of the secondary legislation on weapons production.</p> <p>A two-day workshop on development of secondary legislation, which accompanies the new Law on Weapons was organized on 8-9 February 2021 in Albania. During the workshop, participants discussed seven different draft governmental decisions, which constitute secondary legislation accompanying the new Law on Weapons and are directly connected to the changes in the law.</p> <p>With the aim to conduct gender analysis of relevant legal and policy frameworks in the field of small arms control and provide evidence-based recommendations on how to improve gender responsiveness of relevant legislation and policies, the gender screening of legal framework on firearms was finalized in North Macedonia, continued in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and was initiated in Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro. Inception reports on the gender screening of the SALW control legal framework in Albania and Kosovo, were submitted and reviewed by SEESAC, as well as draft report for Bosnia and Herzegovina, which will be sent for review to the BiH SALW Coordination Board.</p> <p><b><u>IV Needs assessment of the Border and Criminal Police</u></b></p>
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	<p>SEESAC has <b>completed a detailed needs assessment of capacities of border police services</b> in the WB region to counter illicit trafficking of firearms. The needs assessment has been developed based on the methodology defined after meetings with Heads of Border Police Services in Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia and has resulted in concrete findings and recommendations which will be followed with a concrete three years long comprehensive support with funding provided through EU CD 2019/2011 in provision of technical advise, development of SOPs, training and equipment</p> <p>A <a href="#">Regional Meeting of the Border Police</a> was organized on 1 December 2020 where the findings and recommendations of the Needs’ Assessment were discussed and adopted.</p> <p>A methodology for conducting <b>the needs assessment of the capacities of the criminal police</b> services was developed by SEESAC and experts to be deployed to conduct the assessment were recruited.</p> <p>An <a href="#">Open Source Intelligence Training (OSINT)</a> was organized on 28 September – 2 October 2020 via an online platform. The aim of the training was to increase the capacity for online investigations on open sources by using the open source intelligence tools.</p> <p>Support related to the unregistered weapons legalization requests in the IBIS System was provided to Kosovo Forensic Agency.</p> <p>A pilot <a href="#">workshop</a> on operational ballistic information-exchange on converted weapons conducted with representatives of Pristina and Skopje on 17 December 2020.</p>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In mid-March jurisdictions in the Western Balkans introduced a wide set of measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. These include restrictions to the freedom of movement and public gatherings and downsizing of non-essential governmental and business processes. Furthermore, the state institutions, including SEESAC’s direct beneficiaries, have shifted their efforts to emergency response measures</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Roadmap Coordination meeting.</li> <li>• Support the organization of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Round of the local Roadmap coordination meetings in Belgrade, Podgorica, Pristina, Sarajevo, Skopje and Tirana.</li> <li>• Develop the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Monitoring Report on the progress of the implementation of the Roadmap.</li> <li>• Complete gap analyses of the legal frameworks upon request of the jurisdictions.</li> <li>• Finalize gender screening of SALW legal frameworks in the Western Balkans.</li> <li>• Organize the online Regional Arms control legislation harmonization workshop with representatives from Western Balkans, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize media strategy development training with the SALW Commissions.</li> <li>• Finalize Needs Assessments of the Criminal Police Services to counter illicit possession and trafficking of firearms</li> <li>• Provide further support to FFPs in technical advice and provision of necessary equipment.</li> <li>• Organize a regional FFPs meeting.</li> <li>• Organize a second <a href="#">workshop</a> on operational ballistic information-exchange on converted weapons conducted with representatives of Pristina and Skopje</li> <li>• Assess capacities of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus for selected aspects of SALW, ammunition and explosives control as well as combating illicit trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	SEESAC
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>SEESAC Project for the enhancement of SALW control security measures in Albania</i> Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC, <a href="mailto:bojana.balon@undp.org">bojana.balon@undp.org</a>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	1 September 2018 – 31 March 2022 (43 months)
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Albanian Ministry of Internal Affairs (Mol); Albanian State Police (ASP); Albanian Ministry of Defence
<b>DONOR</b>	The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/WRA)
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 1,300,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The enhancement of SALW control security measures in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two locations of the Albanian Ministry of Defense (MoD) 1) Small Arms Light Weapons (SALW) and ammunition storage location “Mirake”; and 2) “Zall – Herr” Land Force Command, as well as;</li> <li>○ One location of the Albanian Ministry of Interior (Mol) 3) Main Supply Centre “Mullet” - Small Arms Light Weapons (SALW) and ammunition storage location.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project contributes directly to local security and stability, by ensuring that the significant amounts of stockpiled SALW and ammunition under the responsibility of both the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Albania are safe, secured, and accounted for. As such, the project contributes to reducing the risk of uncontrolled proliferation at the local and regional level, as well as the risk of uncontrolled explosions, and enhance safety and security for the people and communities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives</li> </ul>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of SALW/firearms and their ammunition storage facilities in line with international safety and security standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First phase of the ASP Mullet storage location security upgrade was completed at the end of August 2019; the design preparation for the second phase of the upgrade was finalized and approved by ASP in June 2020; the works started in September 2020 upon completion of security vetting by the ASP.</li> <li>The ASP Mullet storage location security upgrade works were handed over to the beneficiary in April 2021. This was a second phase of security improvements done by UNDP SEESAC at this location. The works entailed the construction of external perimeter security fence, CCTV system and a guardhouse, in line with the upgrade design approved by ASP in June 2020.</li> <li>The weeklong targeted national Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) course for the ASP practitioners was completed in Tirana in October 2019.</li> <li>MoD Mirake SALW and ammunition storage upgrade (security fencing, CCTV) and delivery and installation of 70 weapons racks for the Zall Herr Command SALW storage (which started in Dec 2019) were completed in June 2020 (storage in June and the racks delivered at mid-May 2020).</li> <li>In March 2021, in line with the beneficiary request for the additional support, and given significant savings incurred by the project, a 12 months no-cost extension was requested from the donor for the following security enhancements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a room for the new SALW laser marking machine operation within the existing prefabricated building located in the restricted area of the ASP SALW and ammunition storage at Mullet.</li> <li>Improvement of infrastructure of two evidence rooms for SALW safekeeping at the local ASP Directorates of Tirana and Korca.</li> <li>Supply of approximately 50 SALW safekeeping metallic cabinets for the ASP.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The extension of the project from April 2021 until the end of March 2022 was granted by the donor. Upon obtaining ASP security clearance for the SEESAC local expert, the infrastructure assessments of the new locations were initiated in April 2021.</li> </ul>

<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initial delay in the project implementation occurred due to a prolonged MoU clearance and signature procedure.</li> <li>• Furthermore, in March 2020, the works at the Mirake storage location and manufacturing of weapons racks for the Zall Herr Command SALW storage were halted due to the movement restriction imposed by the Albanian Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The works were resumed during April 2020 immediately upon lifting the Government imposed restriction. The works and supervision contracts were extended until the end of June 2020 to enable the works completion.</li> <li>• The Mullet storage security upgrade design review and approval process by the ASP was delayed for a month in the period May-June 2020 due to their intensive activities related to the COVID-19 emergency response.</li> <li>• The works at the Mullet location initiated in September 2020, were slightly prolonged by intermittent lack of working force and shortcomings of materials supply, as a result of the COVID 19 epidemic spread in the country. The works were finalized at the end of February 2021, while the technical handover was done in April 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above mentioned, the Mullet storage security upgrade design review and approval process by the ASP was delayed for a month due to their intensive activities related to the COVID-19 emergency response. Furthermore, the works execution was slightly prolonged by intermittent lack of working force affected by the disease, and of materials supply, due to prolonged transport and import procedures.</li> <li>• In addition, the works at the Mirake storage as well as the manufacturing of SALW racks was delayed for almost a month due to the mentioned movement restriction imposed by the Government.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the following period, UNDP SEESAC will work on addressing the additional requests of the beneficiary. Infrastructure assessments of the three new SALW locations (a room for the new SALW laser marking machine in Mullet and the evidence rooms in Tirana and Korca), as well as preparation of designs for the upgrades in line with the available project funds remainder will be executed. Upon the design approval by the ASP, a tender for works at three locations and manufacturing and supply of approximately 50 weapons rack will be launched. Upon tender evaluation and approval, as well as security clearance of contractors, the upgrade works will be initiated. It is planned for the works to be completed before the end of March 2022.</li> </ul>



<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	SEESAC
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	Enhancement of security and safety of the “Duvanište” SALW and ammunition storage location of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia.  Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC, <a href="mailto:bojana.balon@undp.org">bojana.balon@undp.org</a>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2021 (24 months) <sup>2</sup>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Serbian Ministry of Interior (Moi)
<b>DONOR</b>	The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/WRA)
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 1,000,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project aims to further improve the security of weapons and ammunition storage in Serbia by providing technical and infrastructural support in line with international standards. The increase of security of stockpiles will contribute to combating the illicit accumulation and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition. This project will also contribute to enhanced community security, including armed violence reduction.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of SALW/firearms and their ammunition storage facilities in line with international safety and security standards.</li> </ul>
<b>CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The security and safety upgrade at the Serbian Moi Duvanište SALW storage location entails refurbishment and access control of five medium-large SALW storage buildings, basic repair of three small storage buildings, new monitoring room within a guardhouse, perimeter security fence with a pedestrian and vehicle access gate, exterior electrical installation, and a CCTV system.</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> A no cost extension request of the project was submitted to the donor in May 2021 for a period of eight months, from 1 July 2021 - 28 February 2022. The request is currently being processed by the Donor.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After appointment of the MoI Focal Point for the project in October 2019, a Works Statement was completed in December 2019, followed by the procurement of the designs in March 2020, and MoI security vetting of the selected design contractor in May 2020. A detailed assessment of the location was completed in May 2020 and the preliminary and conceptual designs were adopted by the MoI at the end of August 2020. Obtaining all necessary authorizations from relevant national authorities on behalf of the MoI, initiated at the beginning of September 2020, is ongoing; procedure for recording the storage location land plots and buildings in the cadaster by the MoI is ongoing; the above procedures are legal prerequisites for the upgrade works.</li> <li>• The supervision services contractor was selected through a tender procedure and contracted in April 2021.</li> <li>• The preparations for the delivery of a proficient level national PSSM training to 25 MoI participants by SEESAC are ongoing. A weeklong course delivery is planned for the second part of September 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The security vetting of the selected design contractor was prolonged due to the engagement of the MoI in the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The access permit for the location was obtained in May 2020. In order to minimize the consequences of the delay in the design activity initiation, the project intensified the activity implementation in coordination with the design contractor and the MoI. Nevertheless, the elaborate procedure for obtaining the necessary legal authorizations for the upgrades design and subsequent works from the appropriate institutions, initiated at the beginning of September 2020 is ongoing. The procedure was prolonged due to restrictive measures put in place to prevent occurrence and spread of the COVID-19 infectious disease in the country. In addition, special legal requirements by several relevant authorities were imposed in October 2020 (preparation of a detailed assessment of the upgrade design environmental impact, and obtaining the national power distribution company’s Smederevo branch specific requirements for vetting a power connection, distribution, and routing of the electrical and telecommunications networks for the storage location).</li> <li>• Furthermore, the procedure for the storage location land plots and storage buildings ownership registration with the cadaster, initiated by the MoI upon the issuance of the Government Decision on the transfer of ownership from the MoD to the MoI as of 30 May 2019, is still ongoing. Land plots and buildings ownership records are prerequisites for obtaining authorization for construction at the location. The MoI instigated regular communication with the cadaster to enable speeding up and prioritizing the related procedures.</li> <li>• Finally, a recent decision by the beneficiary to amend a minor part of the new fence route due to unresolved cadastral issues necessitated the fence construction design, as well as related electrical and CCTV designs adjustments by the design contractor. The final designs for works execution should be completed in the first part of June 2021.</li> </ul>

<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above mentioned, the engagement of the MoI in the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic created an initial delay in the design contractor security vetting. Furthermore, the extensive procedure of obtaining the legal conditions for the design from the competent national and local authorities is additionally affected and prolonged by the pandemic situation. Initiation of subsequent project implementation steps is fully dependent on the completion of legal procedures. As soon as all legal authorizations are obtained, the tender for works will be organized. Provided that the authorizations are obtained early in the following reporting period, the tender for works could be launched at end of June 2021. However, as the foreseen comprehensive infrastructure intervention will require a minimum of four months for completion, the project will request a non-cost extension from the donor in May 2021. The extension will be requested for additional eight months, until the end of February 2022, to enable completion of all above foreseen project activities.</li> </ul>
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of legal procedures for the design and works; preparation and organization of the tender for works; tender evaluation and works contracting; works initiation; completion of min. 20% of all works at the storage location is foreseen by the end of the year.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Albania</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Support Albania's Law Enforcement Authorities to strengthen Firearms Criminality Evidence Management and Investigation Capacities</i>  <i>Mr. Vladimir Malkaj, Development Specialist, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Vladimir.malkaj@undp.org">Vladimir.malkaj@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>December 2019 -July 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Albanian State Police, Albanian Institute of Scientific Police (AISP)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	German Federal Foreign office (Funding Windows)
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 1,185,471
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	/

<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the Project is to enhance the capabilities of the Albanian Institute of Scientific Police (AISP). This will be attained by reviewing the criminal investigation procedural framework, empowering the CSI staff, and enhancing and modernizing the technological infrastructure of the Albanian Ballistic Sector.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024 ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidenced and intelligence-led.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional FAE</li> <li>Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Activity 1.1.1: Develop Standard Operating Procedures for Key Processes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of reviewing and amending/drafting the necessary SOPs governing the activity of the AISP was concluded with the support of the international expert. The expert drafted the SOP for the OCF for ballistic examination, the chain of custody of evidence, crime scene investigation, and tagging and packaging of evidence and amended the other SOPs relating to ballistic examination, biological examination and DNA and evidence administration.</li> <li>80 staff members of CSI units from across Albania and AISP ballistics personnel trained on the use of new SOPs.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Activity 1.1.2: Procure Equipment for CSI units.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 sets of IT equipment, (including computer, printer, scanner, barcode printer and barcode reader),</li> <li>16 Basic CSI Kits,</li> <li>16 Specialized CSI Kits,</li> <li>Three 3d Scanners for the crime scene, including training.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Activity 2.2.1: Procure and Install Equipment for Ballistic Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballistic Water Tank, including training,</li> <li>• Thermal Cycler PCR Reader Machine.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slow start due first to a lengthier process of identifying an appropriate Project Manager (vacancy launched twice), the November 26, 2019 earthquake that hit Albania and the subsequent change in the AISP staff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Albania and strict social distancing measures have been introduced by the Albanian Government. Main activities impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delay of delivery of goods, which in turn caused a delay in several deliverables,</li> <li>• Difficulties in organizing events and other project related activities amidst the pandemic,</li> <li>• Training timeline has been shifted, affected by the health and travel restrictions in force.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Activity 1.1.2: Procure Equipment for CSI units</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 set of additional IT equipment,</li> <li>• Thermal vision camera,</li> <li>• Bone Grinder for DNA extraction,</li> <li>• Chronograph to measure the velocity of projectiles,</li> <li>• Ultrasonic cleaner for bullets,</li> <li>• Gun vise for capturing metal materials,</li> <li>• Electronic calibers for measuring bullets,</li> <li>• Electronic weight scale.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Activity 2.1.1: Acquisition and adoption of a LIMS</b></li> <li>• <b>Activity 2.1.2: Establish Open Case File Database and Storage equipment for Ballistic Sector</b></li> <li>• <b>Activity 2.2.1: Procure and Install Equipment for Ballistic Analysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparative Microscope for Ballistic examination,</li> <li>• Stereoscopic Microscopes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	UNDP ALBANIA
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Strengthening control, administration and social attitudes towards SALW</i> <i>Mr. Vladimir Malkaj, Development Specialist, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Vladimir.malkaj@undp.org">Vladimir.malkaj@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	January 2021 – December 2022
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Albanian State Police
<b>DONOR</b>	Multi-Partner Trust Fund
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 1,661,314
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	/
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	To strengthen national institutions and systems and improve collaboration and coordination between relevant institutions and affected communities for meaningful progress for an effective and efficient response to SALW/firearms threats. Increased public awareness of the danger and consequences of misuse of firearms will support national institutions policies in preventing and combating gun violence and help significantly reduce the supply, demand, and misuse of firearms.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led. <b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand, and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy. <b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans <b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition, and explosives
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<b>Goal 2:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional FAE risk analysis and threat assessment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> <li>Increase awareness among general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that legal measures are in place allowing legalization and voluntary surrender of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> <li>Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p>The Project Manager position was advertised in January 2021 and the Project has practically kicked off from 15 March of 2021 with the recruitment of the Project Manager.</p>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>/</p>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>/</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Activity 1.1 - Support the advancement and eventual completion of firearms re-registration process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT support for optimizing SIMA, the ASP firearm database,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement of additional IT equipment supporting the expanded police workforce involved in the firearms registration process.</li> <li>• <b>Activity 1.2 - Support the development of digitalized system and the production of firearms owners' digital cards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT support for fine-tuning the project on digital card system,</li> <li>• Procurement of the necessary IT equipment,</li> <li>• Testing the system and starting the production and distribution of digital cards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Activity 2.1 - Conduct the reconstruction technical design, assess equipment needs and finalize BoQ for each reconstruction cite.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake new or update existing designs for priority storages, ensuring all elements and standards in terms of construction, storage and security are met in a coherent manner.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Activity 2.2 - Conduct the reconstruction and refurbishment of selected interventions of Arms &amp; Ammunition storage facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue civil works tenders for all 10 priority storages,</li> <li>• Procure storage, safety and security equipment,</li> <li>• Complete refurbishment for at least three storages.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Activity 3.1 - Awareness campaign about the dangers of illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk review of SALW Control situation,</li> <li>• Undertaking of a national survey on SALW misuse problems,</li> <li>• Public awareness for police officers,</li> <li>• Public awareness for the public at large, schools and gun owners and dealers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Justice and Security Sector / Countering Illicit Arms Trafficking (CIAT) Project</i>  <i>Sector Leader: Mr. Slobodan Tadić, E-mail: <a href="mailto:slobodan.tadic@undp.org">slobodan.tadic@undp.org</a></i>



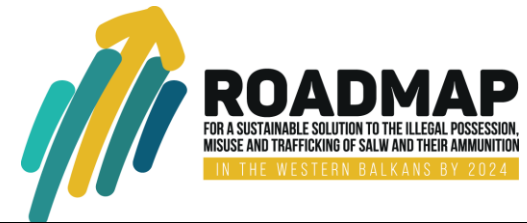
	<i>Project Coordinator: Mr. Edin Serezlic, E-mail: <a href="mailto:edin.serezlic@undp.org">edin.serezlic@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>September 2017 – December 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Main beneficiary: BiH Border Police, BiH Ministry of Security Other beneficiaries: 15 police agencies at all three levels Other indirect beneficiaries: state-level ministries (foreign trade, foreign affairs, communications, defense), Indirect Taxation Authority (customs)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	Federal Republic of Germany Republic of France
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 900,000 (September 2017 – June 2019) USD 1,072,000 (July 2019 – December 2021)
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p><i>Overall objective: Strengthen BiH capacities to more effectively combat illicit arms trafficking.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop standard-operating procedures on how to process illicit arms’ crimes for BiH Border Police and 14 other police agencies at all levels.</li> <li>• Train police officers in BiH Border Police (1,500 already trained) and other 15 police agencies (2,000+ to be trained in 2020/2021).</li> <li>• Purchase detection equipment for BiH Border Police for the surveillance of the green border and other 15 police agencies on SALW detection and include it in training.</li> <li>• Liaise five state-level ministries and three law enforcement agencies to exchange information and improve cooperation at national and regional level pertaining to SALW export/import/transport.</li> <li>• Develop three databases: a) for BiH Border Police – SALW identification platform (first version developed, upgrade pending); b) for the Ministry of Foreign Trade – database on arms’ export/import (current version upgraded, new to be upgraded in 2020/2021); and c) develop the database for the Ministry of Security on arms’ transport (project proposal developed, the database to be developed by 2021).</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 1</b> - 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.

	<p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> <li>• Institutionalize systematic collection of criminal justice data across the Criminal Justice Sector (at the level of Police and Customs, Prosecutors’ service, Court Service, Correctional and Penitentiary Services).</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since its beginning, the project supported the 14 law enforcement agencies to <b>develop packages of SOPs on dealing with the detection of illegal SALW</b>, aligning them with the relevant regulatory and legal frameworks of each police agency. The packages include five SOPs on data collection, tracing of weapons, running an investigation, risk analysis, and management of an emergency situation when arms and explosives unexpectedly emerge. The process of developing the SOPs, where police agencies supported each other in the process, highlighted the strong cooperation between the police agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This strengthened cooperation is expected to be replicated in other SALW-control related initiatives outside this project.</li> <li>• The project completed technical specification for <b>development of a national database for legal SALW transport licenses</b>, aimed at strengthening supervision capacities of legal trade, data collection, analysis and exchange of information among the institutions involved in the process of supervision of legal trade of SALW, associated ammunition and dual-purpose goods.</li> </ul>

	<p>Currently, the project is completing procurement process for selection of a contractor (IT company) which shall develop and deliver the database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project also initiated upgrade and transfer of the SALW identification tool/platform to all law enforcement agencies participating in the project. This Platform has been developed during the first phase of the CIAT project whereby the platform was delivered to the Border Police of BiH.</li> <li>• Following an <b>assessment of the green border conducted in 2019</b> and subsequent discussions with the project partners, several pieces of specialized are currently being procured through the project: detectors (2 pieces for police agencies at the entity level), endoscopes (14 pieces for police agencies at the entity and cantonal level), remote surveillance cameras (100 pieces for the Border Police), binoculars (6 pieces for the Border Police), and augmented vision binoculars for long-range surveillance (6 pieces for the Border Police). As earlier noted, the agreed equipment for the Border Police represents a change from what was initially planned in the project (2 scanners and 2 thermal imaging binoculars).</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main challenge for the project implementation remains ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Due to its unpredictable nature and impossibility to predict developments and peaks of the pandemic, as well as the restrictive measures imposed by the relevant authorities and UN Country Team, the project implementation has been seriously affected. Since the focus of the project is on the robust capacity development and training program for 15 law enforcement agencies, most of these activities have been halted for over a year. The project team thereby focused on implementation of those activities that did not require in-person meetings, gathering of large groups (trainings) and travel.</li> <li>• In addition, the work of our project beneficiaries had to be adjusted to the increased health risks, as police forces across the country have been the front liners during pandemic, along with medical workers. Their daily work included, apart from their regular day-to-day duties, monitoring of movement of COVID-19 positive individuals which created an additional burden and the workload for the law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, law enforcement agencies had to respond to the pandemic by ensuring implementation of the overall restriction measures which resulted in significantly decreased availability of staff to work on the project. As previously noted, UNDP BiH responded to this challenge, using available time to conduct all administrative works pertaining to procurement of equipment and other office related coordination activities.</li> </ul>

	Project implementation plans had to be reviewed on several occasions to adjust to rapidly changing environment pertaining to pandemic effects.
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<p>The project team assessed that, at the current stage of pandemic, at least six months of extension from anticipated date of completion will be needed to finalize all activities within the project. This assessment is based on the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BiH is far behind other countries in the region with its mass vaccination program (initiated as recent as the end of April 2021), with prioritization of medical workers and senior citizens, while productive part of population and labor force of the country is still on hold.</li> <li>• Pace of vaccines procurement through country's mechanisms is slow and under the political influence due to country's segmented constitutional structure.</li> <li>• Delivery of vaccines to the country is very slow, in small quantities and sporadic; Country authorities relayed mostly on COVAX programme that did not prioritize the country very high on the list of recipients and it is expected that more significant quantities of the vaccines will be available throughout the summer season this year.</li> <li>• As the peaks of pandemic occur within the cycle of every 2-3 month and taking all the above circumstances into account, the project team (that was also affected with COVID-19), will certainly need additional time to accomplish envisaged project goals.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rollout training for 15 police agencies.</li> <li>• Complete procurement and delivery of specialized equipment for 15 police agencies and Border Police.</li> <li>• Rollout of SALW identification tool/platform to 15 police agencies.</li> <li>• Continue work on MOS legal SALW transport database development.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Joint UNDP – UNODC Project: Halting Arms and Lawbreaking Trade – HALT Project Coordinator: Mr. Edin Serezlic, E-mail: <a href="mailto:edin.serezlic@undp.org">edin.serezlic@undp.org</a></i>



<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>February 2020 – December 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Main beneficiaries: BiH Indirect Taxation Authority (Customs), BiH Border Police Other beneficiaries: State Investigation and Protection Agency and relevant ministries (Security, Foreign Trade, Transport)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Multi Partner Trust Fund</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 2,200,000 - UNDP (USD 1,111,061), UNODC (USD 1,088,939)
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>The overall objective is to further increase safety and security within and beyond the Western Balkans through targeted actions aimed at improving BiH capacities to combat illicit SALW trafficking.</p> <p>Furthermore, the project seeks to achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance IBM capacity of BiH to better fight illicit SALW trafficking through targeted assistance to ITA, Border Police and three postal agencies, and strengthen cooperation and information exchange between BiH Customs and other institutions at national level and with three neighboring states.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2025, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<b>Goal 2:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> <li>• Institutionalize systematic collection of criminal justice data across the Criminal Justice Sector (at the level of Police and Customs, Prosecutors’ service, Court Service, Correctional and Penitentiary Services).</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p><b><u>UNDP implemented activities:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment of the project team and relevant short-term consultants completed.</li> <li>• Focal points with the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH (ITA) identified and appointed. Regular coordination meetings held throughout the reporting period.</li> <li>• Needs Assessment Report Completed. The process entailed 6 field visits to border crossings, approximately 25 in-person and online meetings with BiH Customs, border police, other government institutions and international partners.</li> <li>• A brief analysis of the affirmation and career options for woman in the Customs Sector was conducted as part of the needs assessment analysis of the BiH Customs.</li> <li>• Specialized equipment to be procured through the project identified through needs assessment and series of meetings between the project team and project beneficiary.</li> <li>• Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for ITA developed.</li> </ul>

- Tendering procedure for procurement of specialized equipment initiated in Q2 2020 and partially completed due to insufficient number and non-compliant bids. 12 videoscopes have arrived to BiH while the training by the vendor and final delivery to ITA is expected in Q2 2021.
  - Repeated tendering procedure initiated in Q1 2021 to procure 4 x Mobile detector for explosives and narcotics, 20 x Explosives and narcotics detection kits, 4 x Contraband detector, 30 x Universal multitool kits, 20 x Vehicle inspection kits, and 35 x Crime scene investigation (CSI) kits for the Border Police BiH. The project team is currently conducting assessment of bids and selection of vendors.
  - One-day training concept on the use of SOPs and specialized detection equipment completed.
  - Training concept developed under HALT project formally recognized by the Agency for Civil Service of BiH. As a result, each Customs Officer completing the training shall be granted 5 credits by the Agency.
  - Train-the-trainer session for 14 ITA officers completed.
  - Working Group at the strategic level between ITA and three ministries at the state level (Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Ministry of Security and Ministry of Transport and Communication) established. The initial meeting held on 29 March 2021.
  - Working Group at the operational level between ITA and police agencies at the state level (Border Police and State Investigation and Protection Agency - SIPA) established. The initial meeting held on 30 March 2021.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> UNDP Projects Board online meeting for SALW Control Roadmap projects in BiH held on 18 January 2021.
- UNODC implemented activities:**
- Recruitment of project staff and consultants in Q2-Q3 2020.
  - UNODC and BiH Customs have developed a joint gap and needs analysis for preventing trafficking of firearms, their parts, components and ammunition through postal and fast parcels.
  - Workshop on drafting standard operating procedures (SOP) on the detection of firearms in postal parcels organized with BiH Customs.
  - Standard operating procedures (SOP) for BiH Customs on detection of firearms in postal parcels developed and endorsed.
  - Workshop on drafting SOP for Public Postal Service Providers on detection of firearms in postal parcels organized with BiH Pošta, Pošte Srpske, and Hrvatska pošta Mostar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOP for Public Postal Service Providers in BiH developed.</li> <li>• Workshop on drafting SOP for private courier companies on detection of firearms in fast parcels organized.</li> <li>• SOP for private courier companies on detection of firearms in fast parcels developed and endorsed.</li> <li>• Equipment needs analysis on detection of firearms, their parts and components in postal shipments prepared and endorsed.</li> <li>• Gap needs analysis on cooperation between private-public sector on detection of firearms in postal and fast parcels developed.</li> <li>• UNDP and UNODC teams maintained positive communication with the OSCE Mission to BiH considering their role in the SALW control projects.</li> <li>• Regular communication has been maintained with the EU Delegation to BiH, and embassies of Germany, UK, Netherlands, Sweden, France and Norway. Project teams invited representatives of all mentioned missions to BiH to participate in the local Project Board scheduled for Q1 2021 which was accepted by all invitees. Finally, the project team established communication with the US Embassy in Sarajevo – Head of INL.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main challenge has been in regard to the spread of COVID-19 virus across the world, which has impacted the work of all international organizations and national institutions in BiH. The work of our project counterparts had also to adjust to the increased health risks. ITA officials started working from home, where feasible, and on shifts. UNDP BiH and UNODC have responded to this challenge by reviewing the working plan and prioritizing activities linked to project management and preparations for deliveries of written outputs. In addition, we have also reorganized and staggered other activities such as the assessments whose first part can now be carried out remotely or in writing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>The project team assessed that, at the current stage of pandemic, at least six months of extension from anticipated date of completion will be needed to finalize all activities within the project. This assessment is based on the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BiH is far behind other countries in the region with its mass vaccination program (initiated as recent as the end of April 2021), with prioritization of medical workers and senior citizens, while productive part of population and labor force of the country is still on hold,</li> <li>• Pace of vaccines procurement through country's mechanisms is slow and under the political influence due to country's segmented constitutional structure,</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of vaccines to the country is very slow, in small quantities and sporadic; Country authorities relayed mostly on COVAX programme that did not prioritize the country very high on the list of recipients and it is expected that more significant quantities of the vaccines will be available throughout the summer season this year.</li> </ul> <p>As the peaks of pandemic occur within the cycle of every 2-3 month and taking all the above circumstances into account, the project team (that was also affected with COVID-19), will certainly need additional time to accomplish envisaged project goals.</p>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete procurement of 35 crime scene investigation toolkits for BiH Border Police and specialized detection equipment for ITA.</li> <li>• Continue trainings of BiH Customs officers on the use of SOPs and specialized detection equipment, up to 25 iterations.</li> <li>• Conceptualize joint, tripartite trainings (Customs, SIPA, Border Police) on the fight against illicit arms and another goods trade.</li> <li>• Organize 3 meetings of the Working Group at the operational level between SIPA, BiH Border Police and BiH Customs.</li> <li>• Organize 3 meetings of the Working Group at the strategic level between ITA and three ministries at the state level.</li> <li>• Facilitate liaising between BiH Customs with Customs of Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro through organization of up to three meetings (online and in-person).</li> <li>• Deliver trainings on detection of firearms in postal and fast parcels to BiH Customs, Public Postal Service Providers and private courier companies.</li> <li>• Organize workshop on private-public cooperation on detection of firearms in postal and fast parcels.</li> <li>• Conduct procurement for x-ray equipment and field test kits.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Justice and Security Sector / Prevention and Illicit Arms Reduction in BiH (PILLAR) Project</i> Sector Leader: Mr. Slobodan Tadic, E-mail: <a href="mailto:slobodan.tadic@undp.org">slobodan.tadic@undp.org</a>

	<i>Programme Coordinator: Mr. Edin Serezlic, E-mail: <a href="mailto:edin.serezlic@undp.org">edin.serezlic@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>1 January 2021 – 30 June 2023</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Main beneficiary: BiH SALW Coordination Board, law enforcement agencies in BiH (cantonal and entity level) and two formal Women Police Officers Networks in BiH</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Multi-Partner Trust Fund</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 769,406
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>The overall objective of the project is: Further increase safety and security within and beyond the Western Balkans through targeted actions aimed at improving BiH capacities to raise awareness amongst the population regarding responsible possession of SALW and understanding dangers of illegal possession of firearms and to educate how to recognize individual and collective threats to security.</p> <p>Furthermore, the objective of the project is to contribute to behavioral change in understanding of the threats posed by SALW within families, community, and society in general.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacitated law enforcement agencies in BiH to achieve better understanding within the general population of the SALW threats by building capacities within the formal associations of women police officers in BiH as “agents of change”.</li> <li>• Raised awareness through structured countrywide campaigns, outreach activities and advocacy addressing the devastating impact and threats posed by illicit SALW to general public, especially vulnerable groups (women, children, young men).</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, outreach and advocacy</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2025, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the number of surplus and seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p>

<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE</li> <li>• Increase awareness among general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Increase awareness of dangers of celebratory shooting in particular as major contributors to firearm related death and injury.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> <li>• Ensure that legal measures are in place allowing legalization and voluntary surrender of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p>During inception period of the project, the project managed to hire PILLAR project officer and develop ToR's for consultants envisaged within the project document to perform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs assessment and Small Arms and Light Weapons awareness raising in Bosnia and Herzegovina,</li> <li>• Training and capacity development of law enforcement agencies in BiH with the focus on two formal Networks of women police officers in BiH.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No challenges faced during the inception period of the project implementation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>Since the project is at its very beginning of implementation, all processes conducted so far were of administrative nature and office related, therefore COVID 19 pandemic still has no impact to the project implementation, thus it is early to forecast how the development of the pandemic might possibly affect the project implementation.</p> <p>However, it is worth mentioning that following parameters apply pertaining to situation with pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BiH is, if not the last, then certainly among the least countries in Europe that began its mass population vaccination programme (enrolled only at the end of April 2021), with prioritization of medical workers and senior citizens, while productive part of population and labor force of the country is still at hold.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pace of vaccines procurement through country’s mechanisms is slow and under the political influence due to country’s segmented constitutional structure.</li> <li>• Delivery of vaccines to the country is very slow, in small quantities and sporadic.</li> <li>• Country authorities relayed mostly on COVAX programme that did not prioritize the country very high on the list of recipients and it is expected that more significant quantities of the vaccines will be available throughout the summer season this year.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To hire a consultant and complete needs assessment and analysis focusing on gender balanced approach to SALW control and awareness that will serve as a base for comprehensive awareness raising campaign.</li> <li>• To hire a consultant and complete specialized training for approximately 50 members of the Networks focusing on strategic planning and project development.</li> <li>• To initiate and complete procurement procedure for hiring marketing agency to perform awareness raising campaign.</li> <li>• To conduct awareness raising campaign for the first year of project implementation.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Justice and Security Sector, UNDP BiH Urgent Action on Ammunition Destruction - Project EXPLODE+ Mr. Tarik Učanbarlić, EXPLODE + Project Manager, <a href="mailto:tarik.ucanbalic@undp.org">tarik.ucanbalic@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>Start date: 1 March 2020 End date: 30 November 2021 Total project duration (months): 21 months Note: Project extension approved in October 2020, for additional six months (or until 30 November 2021)</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Defence Bosnia and Herzegovina, Armed Forces Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>

<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 583,546
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The objective is to assist the MoD/AF BiH in the reduction of ammunition stockpiles to a manageable level to create preconditions for the establishment of a sustainable ammunition stockpile management system. Under the auspices of the Ammunition, Weapons and Explosive Master Plan (Master Plan), the objective will further contribute to the achievement of the strategic and operational goals of the MoD and AF BiH aimed at increasing the overall efficiency of the AF BiH by addressing the issue of excess, obsolete, faulty ammunition, and military equipment, as outlined in the Master Plan.</li> <li>• This output will contribute to increased safety and security of BiH and its population by disposal of 76 tonnes of unsafe ammunition, as follows:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 53,097 ammunition fuses;</li> <li>○ 2,461 pieces of white phosphorus ammunition;</li> <li>○ 22,800 pieces of rifle grenades;</li> <li>○ 2,667 pieces of rocket propelled grenade M80 – 64mm “Zolja”;</li> <li>○ 1,000 pieces of rocket propelled grenades (RPG).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 6.</b> Systematically decrease the number of surplus and seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7.</b> Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition, and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically dispose all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<p><b>Operational:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation and completion of a transparent tendering procedure for the disposal of 2,667 pieces of rocket propelled grenade M80 – 64mm “Zolja’.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation and completion of a transparent tendering procedure for the disposal of rocket propelled grenades (RPG) numbering 1,000 pieces.</li> <li>• Initiation and completion of a transparent tendering procedure for the disposal of 650 pieces of white phosphorus ammunition.</li> </ul> <p>All three contracts are currently in Contract Management Phase.</p> <p><b>Coordination:</b> The project is coordinating several funding streams and successfully applying a platform approach in addressing trusted activities within the Ammunition, Weapons and Explosives Master Plan. Daily coordination with EUFOR is ensuring smooth implementation, although challenges with extremely slow decision-making process within the MOD and Armed Forces remain. Nonetheless, UNDP continues to coordinate with MoD/AF BiH on all issues relate do the overall demilitarization processes in BiH.</p>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The four-month delay in the delivery of the 2020 Ammunition Disposal Plan meant that all tendering procedures had to be postponed for initial start of the project period. The late delivery of the Plan is also indicative of the slow decision-making process within the MoD BiH, which is one of the risks that has been met during the overall implementation of the project.</li> <li>• The changes in the 2020 Ammunition Disposal Plan have meant that the MoD had not designated the types and quantities of ammunition that were initially agreed in 2019 and during the 2020 Disposal Plan preparations. Since June 2020, the MoD suggested alternative or substitute ammunition, similar in type and quantity, that had been designated as ‘urgent’ for disposal to UNDP. In addition, the suggested alternative or substitute ammunition is still pending relevant decisions for processing from the MoD/AF BiH.</li> <li>• Overall delays due to COVID-19 have meant that the timeline of activity implementation was halted, and this impact affected particularly the Q1 implementation period (March-May 2020). The project team continued to adjust the planned activities to the new context, but the business continuation in the ammunition disposal facilities only started to become re-established, including all security and epidemiologically precautionary measures, as of June 2020 onwards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT’S</b></p>	<p>EXPLODE+ project was suspended during Q1 2020 in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, with activities resuming in Q2 2020. The domestic and international civil capacities for ammunition disposal became operational after the initial lock downs in BiH and the region, while business</p>

<p><b>PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>continuation in the ammunition disposal facilities has been re-established with all security and epidemiologically precautionary measures.</p> <p>Nonetheless, the overall and overarching impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to continue to play a key role on the efficiency and effectiveness of project implementation. UNDP BiH remains in close coordination with MoD BiH, AF BiH and EUFOR, as the main partners, while closely monitoring the developments surrounding the COVID-19 BiH authority responses that could, in turn, again impact the working environments (another lock down) of the project partners.</p> <p>For the time being, we have all elements to continue with the implementation of agreed activities, but the situation should be reassessed periodically, with all relevant parties, and corrective measures applied accordingly.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of contractual obligations under the completed tendering procedures.</li> <li>• Coordinate activities with MoD BiH on 2021 Disposal plan (to hold al changes from 2020) in terms of preparation and launch tendering procedures for the disposal of 53,097 ammunition fuses, 1,811 pieces of white phosphorus ammunition, and 22,800 pieces of rifle grenades.</li> <li>• Continued coordination with MoD BiH and AF BiH.</li> </ul>

<p><b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b></p>	<p><i>UNDP Kosovo</i></p>
<p><b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b></p>	<p><i>Kosovo Safety and Security Programme Project: Support to Counter Illicit Arms Trafficking (CIAT)</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Marta K. Gazideda, Governance and Peacebuilding Portfolio Manager/Deputy Programme Coordinator, E-mail: <a href="mailto:marta.gazideda@undp.org">marta.gazideda@undp.org</a></i></p> <p><i>Mr. Mentor Cakolli, KSSP Project manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:mentor.cakolli@undp.org">mentor.cakolli@undp.org</a></i></p>
<p><b>PROJECT DURATION</b></p>	<p><i>2019 – December 2021</i></p>
<p><b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b></p>	<p><i>Police, Customs, Prosecutors Office, Forensic Agency</i></p>

<b>DONOR</b>	<i>German Federal Foreign office (Funding Windows)</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 987,411
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to detect and prevent weapons and their essential components, ammunition, as well as explosives and its precursor to cross illegally the borders of Kosovo and bring the offenders to justice. This project objective is in line with the Small Arms Light Weapons and Explosives control Strategy, Integrated Border Management Strategy and Countering Organized Crime Strategy.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis. See highlighted in yellow above as well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Training for detection at Border posts (First- and second-line check)</b> This training was organized on 14-18 of October 2019 and was developed based on Croatian and BiH best practices, adapted to Kosovo’s context, legal framework, and EU policies and regulations. Through this training participants gained new skills that will support their daily work on identification and detection of different weapons, components, ammunition and explosives. Furthermore, participants were introduced to more innovative detection techniques, handling of crime scene and investigation process including cooperation with all bodies to ensure evidence is secured and processed efficiently. The training provided a hands- on simulation exercise where the participants were able to demonstrate newly learned skills on: detection of firearms; securing the area; securing detected or sized firearms, ammunition or explosives; securing the evidence; and use of specialized equipment and techniques (flexible cameras, scanners, K9).</li> <li><b>Specialized training for green border patrol on detection of firearms, components and ammunition as well as explosives</b></li> </ul>



	<p>This training was organized on 21-25 of October 2019 and was developed with the aim to increase the capacities of Kosovo Police Border and Custom officials on detection of potential traffickers as well as how to react in response to incidents during green border surveillance. Through simulated exercises participants gained knowledge on surveillance of green borders and more specifically in early detection, identification and follow up, analysis of possible interception, interception and coordination. The activity served as an opportunity to assess existing SOPs to ensure that they are in line with terrain and existing risks and threats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Procured 5 K9 dogs for the Kosovo Police K9 Unit</b></li> </ul> <p>UNDP/KSSP team during Q1 2020 continued to implement planned activities by launching Request for Quotation for procuring K9 dogs, for the Kosovo Police, on sniffing Polymer material. The procurement process was completed successfully, and a company was selected and contracted. Kosovo Police General Director issued a decision which created a three-member panel who would select the dogs and train them. However, due to the health crisis and accompanying restrictions, including a ban on all non-essential travel, the activity could not be completed. The project is in regular contact with the KP and it is agreed that the completion of the activity will take place as soon as it is reasonable to do so. It must be noted that we also need to observe the developments in Croatia, since the selected company to provide the K9 is based there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43 representatives from the FFP, Border Police, Customs and Centre for Border Management were trained on using the Common Integrated Response Analysis Model (CIRAM 2.0).</li> <li>• 15 participants representing border police analysts, customs officers, and representatives of the Centre for Border Management were trained on the development of problem profiling on illicit arms trafficking and problem profiling at green border based on pull and push factors.</li> <li>• Two (2) sets of risk analysis package IBase and I2Analyst Notebook were procured and handed over to Kosovo Police Analyst Unit and Centre for Border Management within MoIA.</li> <li>• Five (5) endoscopes, three (3) explosive and drug detector equipment and one (1) handheld thermovision camera were procured and handed over to Kosovo Border Police Department.</li> <li>• 40 border police officers were trained in using the new equipment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>Political instability and COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to COVID-19 pandemic the trainings were organized online instead of in-person</li> <li>• The K9 dog testing and selection process was slightly delayed due to the travel restrictions imposed by health institutions in all WB jurisdictions but in close communication with project</li> </ul>

<b>PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<p>beneficiaries and partners and the health institutions on traveling, the dogs were tested, selected and brought to Kosovo in June 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The training of the K9 dogs in sniffing polymer material made weapons was completed but it had some delays due to high number of infections among the police personnel.</li> </ul>
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training detection components in fast parcels and postal services.</li> <li>• Implementation of Joint simulated exercises.</li> <li>• Upgrade of Weapon Registration software.</li> <li>• Support to the border police through providing specialized equipment.</li> <li>• Operator training on new equipment.</li> <li>• Intelligence led policing operations based on new equipment.</li> <li>• Develop knowledge products.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Kosovo</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Kosovo Safety and Security Programme</i>  <i>Project: Support to Combating Illicit Arms Trafficking in Kosovo for Criminal Police (CPIAT)</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Marta K. Gazideda, Governance and Peacebuilding Portfolio Manager/Deputy Programme Coordinator, <a href="mailto:marta.gazideda@undp.org">marta.gazideda@undp.org</a></i>  <i>Mr. Mentor Cakolli, KSSP Project manager, <a href="mailto:mentor.cakolli@undp.org">mentor.cakolli@undp.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>February 2020 – December 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Police, Prosecutors Office, Forensic Agency</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Multi Partner Trust Fund</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 660,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase investigative and operational capacities of the police to tackle illicit arms trafficking and firearms criminality.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project’s objective is in line with the Community policing Strategy and Action plan 2017-2021, Intelligence Led Policing, Countering Organized Crime Strategy and Small Arms Light Weapons and Explosives control Strategy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2025, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>Strengthen tasking, coordination and monitoring functions of the SALW Commissions, to ensure effective policies on Prevention, Mitigation, Reaction, and Suppression of firearms misuse, trafficking and uncontrolled proliferation.</li> <li>Introduction of mandatory feedback exchange for all WB beneficiaries enabling improvement of proactive investigations at national, regional and international level.</li> <li>Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement and delivery of software and special equipment to Organized Crime Investigation Directorate of the Kosovo Police – The RFQ for procuring the MALTEGO XL software has been initiated in close consultation with Kosovo Police investigation department.</li> <li>201 police officers in 8 Regional Police Directorates were trained in basic firearms investigations.</li> <li>80 monitors, 80 desktop computers, 10 laptops, 5 tablets, 40 multifunction printers and 40 toners were provided to be used at the local, regional, and central levels in advancing the quality of IAT investigation.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MALTEGO XL and SOCIAL Links software licenses and one-day online training for ten (10) police investigators were provided to increase the speed of investigations by gathering data from open sources and visualizing the information in a format suitable for link analysis and data mining.</li> <li>• Dashboard/TABLEAU data visualization platform and two (2) ICT officials were professionally trained on using the software licenses aiming to conduct proper tracking and analysis while visually presenting key performance indicators, the metrics and key points of the data, monitoring crime trends as a phenomenon in general.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constraints in organizing face to face meetings with beneficiaries to coordinate project implementation.</li> <li>• All beneficiaries' personnel engaged fully in responding to the effect of the pandemic, resulting in less resources allocated to the project-related activities.</li> <li>• Large number of infected officials, including key decision makers, delaying decision making and coordination processes.</li> <li>• Limitations of online capacity development.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trainings were organized online instead of in-person.</li> <li>• The project team conducted regular and close communication (in-person where possible and virtually) with the project beneficiary to determine the best time to implement the activities and carry them out as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gap Analysis on explosives investigations.</li> <li>• Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - Basic training on firearms investigations.</li> <li>• Increased capacity of crime investigations department (IAT) - Delivery IT equipment.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Montenegro</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>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</i>

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<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	January 2021 – June 2022
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Police Directorate of Montenegro/Forensic Center
<b>DONOR</b>	Multi Partner Trust Fund
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 664,812
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the project is to improve the capacities of the Police Directorate of Montenegro in the entire investigative cycle and in particular to advance the custody chain in order to improve investigations of crime committed with explosives in order to achieve regular convictions. The project will focus on the development of standard operating procedures, accredited procedures and methods, thus directly contributing to the sustainability of the project.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and standardized across the region.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the illegal circulation of firearms, ammunition and explosives (AME) towards, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevent trafficking of FAE through improved process, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project board has been nominated.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant has been hired to carry out a desk research and a gap analysis in the area of crime scene and forensic laboratory investigations of explosion incidents and explosives within the Police Directorate/Forensic Center of Montenegro.</li> <li>• Technical specifications for the equipment have been drafted and will be presented to the expert who will be hired in Q2 to check and further develop the specifications and support the procurement process of the equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	COVID-19 Pandemic and new government caused slow start of the project
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	COVID-19 pandemic remains to be main challenge encountered in Q1 of 2021. Measures imposed by the Government of Montenegro in Q4 of 2020 to stop and prevent the spread of the virus, including various levels of restrictions in people's gathering and travel are still ongoing. These restrictions affected the project activities that involved face-to-face meetings and forced the implementors to either organize the activities online. Authorities involved in the project (Ministries of interior and Police Directorate) have also channeled all their efforts to responding to the pandemic, affecting their availability to participate in the project activities.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalization of Desk research and a gap analysis in the area of crime scene and forensic laboratory investigations of explosion incidents and explosives within the Police Directorate/Forensic Center of Montenegro.</li> <li>• Finalization of technical specification for specialized equipment for the Forensic Center.</li> <li>• Issuing tender for procuring of the equipment and selecting vendors.</li> <li>• Development of SOPs for CSI and Arson and Explosives Lab and training of personnel.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP North Macedonia</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Improving national SALW-related practices and building violence-resilient communities</i>  <i>Ms. Biljana Cvetanovska Gugoska, Programme Officer, E-mail: <a href="mailto:biljana.cvetanovska@undp.org">biljana.cvetanovska@undp.org</a></i> <i>Ms. Meri Atanasovski, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:meri.atanasovski@undp.org">meri.atanasovski@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>July 2019 – November 2021</i>

<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Interior</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>German Federal Foreign office (Funding Windows)</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 1,000,908
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved SALW recording and reporting through an upgraded Weapons Registration and Stockpile Management Software (WRMS).</li> <li>• Evidence-based SALW practices, policy making and risk assessments through a new Information Management System (IMS) in the Ministry of Interior.</li> <li>• Improved control and response to SALW threats.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 2</b> – By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional firearms, ammunition, and explosives (FAE) risk analysis and threat assessment.</li> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<p><b>Component 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specifications for the upgrade of the WRMS software have been developed through consultations with the project beneficiary.</li> <li>• Through an RFP procedure, a software development company has been selected as the vendor for the upgrade to the Weapons Registration and Stockpile Management Software (WRMS).</li> <li>• The upgrade of the Weapons Registration and Stockpile Management Software (WRMS) is completed and needs to be put into production. The technical support of the developed software is ongoing.</li> <li>• The end user training has been completed.</li> <li>• Procurement procedures for the necessary hardware have been completed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hardware necessary for software implementation has been procured and delivered to the Departments for IT, Telecommunications, Weapons Registration and Border Police.</li> <li>• 1-year technical support and maintenance for the upgraded WRMS is currently being provided through the software development vendor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensive consultations with relevant stakeholders in the Ministry of Interior (MoI) relating to activities in Component III have been held.</li> <li>• The software requirements and Terms of Reference for the new software were created and approved by the Ministry of Interior and Bureau of Public Safety. Following this activity, a procurement procedure was completed which resulted in the contracting of a consortium of two software development companies that will work on the new software.</li> <li>• The consortium of companies contracted to develop the new IMS held a number of both online and face to face consultations with the project beneficiary. A total of 5 workshops and numerous meetings were held in order to complete Phase 1 of development.<sup>3</sup> The contractor is currently working on Phase 2 of software development (system development and testing).</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The communication and cooperation with the relevant stakeholders in the Ministry of Interior is often slow and unproductive due to a general lack of capacity, causing delays in delivery.</li> <li>• There has been an unexpected increase in scope in the Component I of the project. There has also been a need to specify scope of Component II, given the more complex nature of this component. Although this has been closely monitored by the project team, it has taken up valuable time.</li> <li>• The political situation and frequent elections in North Macedonia contributed to delays in project implementation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COVID-19 situation has impacted the project delivery in several ways. Due to the crisis, the visit of the international consultant in Component 3 of the project had to be cancelled as international travel is not allowed. Efforts were made to complete this activity through with online/hybrid modality. The cooperation with the Ministry of Interior has also been affected, as</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> There are four phases of the Police IMS development process: Phase 1 – Initiation (Project plan and Business analysis) - **Completed**; Phase 2 – System development and testing – **currently in progress**; Phase 3 - System installation and configuration; Phase 4 - Training and submitting of documentation.



	<p>their capacities have been focused on enforcing the measures for management of COVID-19 in the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furthermore, the main coordinator of Component 3 on the project beneficiary side was heavily affected by COVID-19 during January 2021. This affected the timeline of the process within Phase 1 of development. The project team organized a number of online meetings in order to mitigate these circumstances.</li> <li>• The outlined reasons have caused a delay of several months in the project delivery; however a number of the obstacles have been resolved or mitigated.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Project Component</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put the upgraded WRMS software into production.</li> <li>• Continue with efforts to address administrative/legal aspect necessary for full software implementation.</li> <li>• Provide Technical support for client satisfaction throughout 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Project Component</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue development of the new Police Information Management System.</li> <li>• Procure the necessary hardware for full functioning of the developed software for the IT department in the Ministry of Interior and the police stations and units around the country.</li> <li>• Provide functional training for the end-users of the developed system, as well as specialized trainings for IT personnel in the Ministry of Interior.</li> </ul>

<p><b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b></p>	<p><i>UNDP Kosovo and UNDP North Macedonia</i></p>
<p><b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b></p>	<p><i>UNDP Kosovo - Kosovo Safety and Security Programme (KSSP)</i></p> <p><i>Project: Cross-border Integrated Institutional Approach Towards Combating IAT and SALW</i></p>

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<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	April 2021 - May 2022
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<p>Kosovo: SALW Commission, Police, Prosecutors Office, Forensic Agency</p> <p>North Macedonia: SALW Commission, Ministry of Interior, Custom Administration Office</p>
<b>DONOR</b>	Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 522,067 (KS budget USD 251,293; NMK budget USD 270,774)
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	Strengthening cross-border integrated institutional approach in combatting illicit arms trafficking between Kosovo and North Macedonia through increased institutional capacities, improved police practices and information sharing
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> – By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S (pls specify the target/s)</b>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure exchange of operational and strategic information, data, intelligence as well as evidence with Europol, Frontex and Eurojust.</li> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness of FAE producers about risks of diversion.</li> <li>• Increase awareness among general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>COVID19 restriction in traveling from outside the jurisdiction and inside.</p>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>As the pandemic situation is developing there is no delays foreseen at this stage.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs assessment and gap analysis in relation to IAT, SALW control, possession and misuse and weapons categorization.</li> <li>• Institutional capacity building (trainings on information gathering, information sharing and information analysis).</li> <li>• Institutional capacity building on converted firearms investigations.</li> <li>• Formation of JIT for converted firearms investigations.</li> <li>• Development of knowledge products.</li> <li>• Development and harmonization of the operational procedures in Kosovo and North Macedonia.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<b>UNDP Serbia</b>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Advancing the capacities of the Serbian Ministry of Interior (Mol) in the field of custody chain, crime scene investigations and the ballistic laboratory in the field of operations and investigations in trafficking of firearms and firearms criminality.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Žarko Petrović, Resilient Development Programme Analyst, E-mail: <a href="mailto:zarko.petrovic@undp.com">zarko.petrovic@undp.com</a></i>  <i>Mr. Igor Srbljanović, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:igor.srbljanovic@undp.com">igor.srbljanovic@undp.com</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>October 2019 - June 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Mol Serbia, General Police Directorate, Criminal Investigation Directorate, CSI unit, National Forensic Centar and Ballistic laboratories</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>German Federal Foreign Office (Funding Windows)</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 958,284
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project aims to increase the capacities of the Serbian Mol in the entire investigative cycle and, in particular, to improve the custody chain to enhance investigations to obtain regular convictions</li> <li>• The project will look at all aspects of this custody chain such as:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard operating procedures for the custody chain,</li> <li>• Crime scene investigation, documentation of the crime scene and the recovery of evidence,</li> <li>• Tagging of evidence and filling in the evidence register,</li> <li>• Evidence storage and delivery at forensic laboratory,</li> <li>• Reception at Forensic laboratory and temporary storage and starting the LIMS procedures,</li> <li>• Open case file,</li> <li>• Expert reports and return of evidence,</li> <li>• Installation of the water tank for test firing,</li> <li>• Accreditation of CSI and ballistic laboratory.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and standardized across the region.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the illegal circulation of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) towards, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2025, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially increase number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p><b>Component 1: Establishment of Regulatory Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 1.1.1: Gap analysis document in the area of crime scene investigation and chain of custody developed. The expert amended standard operating procedures in the area of the chain of custody of law enforcement. UNDP sent to the Mol/NFC on the internal approval. NFC approved the SOP. Training on the approved SOP organized.</li> <li>• Activity 1.1.2: The expert amended standard operating procedure on crime scene investigation in order to be fully harmonized with relevant EU guidance such as the 'IAF/ILAC-A4:2004 Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020' and 'EA-5/03 Guidance for the Implementation of ISO/IEC 17020 in the field of crime scene investigation' as well as the ISO 17020. UNDP sent to the Mol/NFC on the internal approval. NFC approved SOP. Training on the approved SOP organized.</li> <li>• Activity 1.1.3: The expert amended the Standard operating procedure of packaging and tagging of evidence which will facilitate the tracing of evidence throughout the chain of custody at all times. UNDP sent to the Mol/NFC on the internal approval. NFC approved SOP. Training on the approved SOP organized.</li> <li>• Activity 1.1.4: The expert prepared the standard operating procedure on the development of an "open case file" for ballistic examination. UNDP sent to the Ballistic laboratory on the internal approval. NFC/Ballistic laboratory approved SOP.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Component 2. Increased capacity of CSI units (Crime Scene Investigations)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 1.2.1: The expert developed training curricula for CSI units according to the ENFSI standards. Online trainings for all 27 regional directorates and more than 60 participants organized. In addition to the training curricula, an Instruction regarding the exact procedure in the area of domestic violence for the CSI officers has been drafted and submitted to Mol/NFC.</li> <li>• Activity 1.2.2: The equipment for CSI unit related to the SALW, successfully purchased, installed and delivered. Three 3D scanners and software for animation and reconstruction successfully purchased, installed, delivered and trainings organized.</li> <li>• Activity 1.2.3: The expert prepared recommendations for accreditation in accordance to ISO 17020 together with the training curriculum. Trainings were successfully organized for all 27 regional directorates and more than 60 participants were trained.</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 3: Support to central level lab especially in the field of ballistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 1.3.1: The tendering process for the installation for LIMS (Laboratory Inventory Management System) was successfully finalized and installation is in the final phase.</li> <li>• Activity 1.3.2: The OPEN CASE FILE storage and the necessary equipment installed and established. The installation of the OCF database is in the final phase.</li> <li>• Activity 1.3.3: The Reception room was successfully adapted and established with storage equipment.</li> <li>• Activity 1.3.4: The water tank for test-firing was delivered, installed and specialized training were organized.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organization of the trainings has been changed because of the COVID 19 crises and social distance measures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>Project extend for three months duo to the COVID situation and Government measures. Trainings were organized online.</p>
<p><b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<p><b>Component 2: Increased capacity of CSI units (Crime Scene Investigations)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 1.2.1: Organize training for CSI (Crime Scene Investigations) units as per developed training curricula/ Recomendation document.</li> </ul>

	<p>In addition to the training for CSI units, the external expert finalized analysis which contributes to developing evidence-based tools to improve criminal-justice practice in the cases of domestic violence. Recommendations and problems in the SOPs in the area of domestic violence were shared with MoI and training or materials will be shared with MoI staff, as well with prosecutors office and medical institutions which contribute to the Crime scene Investigations.</p> <p><b>Component 3: Support to central level lab especially in the field of ballistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 1.3.1: Implementation and development of the LIMS (Laboratory Inventory Management System) is in the final phase of the establishment and installation.</li> <li>• Activity 1.3.2: Installation and establishment of OPEN CASE FILE (OCF) storage completed. Development of the OCF database for the central lab in Belgrade is in the final phase of the establishment and installation.</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Serbia</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Sub-project 1. Reduce risk - Increase safety – Towards ending SALW misuse in domestic violence context</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Maja Brankovic Djundic, Gender Equality Portfolio Manager, <a href="mailto:maja.djundic@undp.org">maja.djundic@undp.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>September 2019 – June 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, the group Journalists against Violence, women victims of domestic violence</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>German Federal Foreign Office (Funding Windows)</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 294,462 (cost-extension USD 150,000)
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	None
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	The objective of the project is to reduce the misuse of firearms in the context of violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence by improving practices and

	<p>procedures related to criminal justice response to SALW misuse, setting up the basis for evidence-based policy making, increasing the awareness among general population on the dangers of illicit SALW possession and misuse, and developing knowledge packages for risk reduction of firearms misuse in the context of gender-based violence.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 2</b> – By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully integrate gender and age concerns in SALW/firearms control policies and ensure meaningful participation of women in SALW/firearms control.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> <li>• Increase awareness among general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project <i>Reduce risk - Increase safety – Towards ending SALW misuse in domestic violence context</i>, finalized the in-depth desk-review analysis of the procedures and practices related to the SALW license denial, removal and revocation in the context of domestic violence and existing procedures and practices related to the domestic violence committed by military and police officers, and developed a proposal of legislative provisions on how to effectively address the misuse of firearms in domestic violence in the Law on Weapons and accompanying bylaws. The project conducted a research on judicial practice and response of the criminal-justice system related to detecting and misuse of firearms in the cases of domestic violence. The research represents a monitoring exercise of judiciary practices in processing and prosecution of gender-based violence enabled by SALW. The research will provide recommendations for establishment of regular monitoring practice and will identify data that need to be collected through the judiciary system to enable evidence-based policy making and contribute to effectiveness of the criminal-justice response to DV enabled by firearms. In addition to this, research findings will be a basis for improving of knowledge of judiciary on the risks and consequences of firearms misuse</li> </ul>



	<p>in the context of domestic violence. Publication and presentation of research will take place in June 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is finalizing the analysis of administrative data collection practices on the misuse of SALW in domestic and intimate partner violence. The analysis provides recommendations for improving data collection in order to enable effective case management, multi-agency data sharing, and more accurate data relevant for evidence-based policy making, including data that needs to be collected and fed into the methodology for the femicide review. Besides Mol data collection practices, the analysis also looks at and assesses: 1) data collection practices of the prosecution and courts to contribute to the development of a universal register of cases of domestic violence (envisaged in the Law for the Prevention of Domestic Violence), and 2) recommendations on indicators and data that needs to be collected to enable tracking of reported cases of domestic violence and institutional response through the system of protection and criminal-justice response (police-prosecution-courts). The analysis also lists indicators and data necessary for the effective review and analysis of cases of femicide. This activity will be completed in Q2 2021.</li> <li>• The project completed the analysis of cases of femicides committed with firearms inclusive of information for the development of risk-assessment checklists related to the prevention of SALW misuse in the context of gender-based violence and risks induced by the presence of firearms in a domestic violence context. The analysis was conducted by women’s NGO Autonomous Women’s Center, based on media reporting on femicide. It covers the period June 2017 - June 2020, given that the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence became effective as of 1 June 2017, and within this Law, the possession of legal firearms is recognized as one of the risks for committing domestic violence.</li> <li>• The project supported the group “Journalists against Violence” to conduct the qualitative analysis of media reporting on SALW misuse and developed a set of practical recommendations to media on ethical and educational reporting on this issue. As a follow-up to the recommendations, the project team initiated the development of guidelines for ethical and gender-sensitive media reporting on domestic violence committed with firearms, that will be developed within the cost-extension of the project.</li> <li>• In addition to this, the project supported the “Journalists against Violence” group to develop a communication strategy, with a set of practical activities to increase public and institutional</li> </ul>
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	<p>awareness of firearms misuse for domestic violence and advocate for improvement of policies on DV committed by firearms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project supported multi-agency groups for cooperation and coordination in processing the cases of domestic violence. Through consultative support the project also identified the key gaps in knowledge and in processing the reported cases that will be addressed through the training curriculums and e-training programme to improve criminal-justice response and multi-agency case management for increased safety of victims and reduced risk of firearm violence in the domestic violence context.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>Restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 elections and late establishment of a new Government and appointment of senior management in the ministries.</p>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>Restrictions due to COVID-19 affected implementation of the activities planned to be organized in person. This caused reviewing of the activities, such as organization of trainings and in person meetings with professionals. Additionally, due to engagement of the professionals in COVID related activities, the Ministry of Interior suspended in 2020 participation in all projects. Elections and late establishment of the new Government caused delay in implementation of the activities that required partnership with ministries – Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digitalize and adapt the training to improve multi agency case management for increased safety of victims and reduced risk of firearm violence in the domestic violence context.</li> <li>• Provide a support to the MoJ to develop a set of tools to ensure coordinated and integrated service, including multi-sectoral case management.</li> <li>• Organize presentation of key project findings and recommendations from research and analyses, for improvement of multi-agency and judiciary processing and responding to the cases of DV committed by firearms.</li> </ul> <p><u>The cost-extension of the project was approved and follow up activities will be implemented within this period:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct an analysis on SALW and domestic violence in the period of the implementation of the Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence (2017-2019), as follow up to the SEESAC study on Gender and SALW.</li> <li>• Develop a model for a monitoring framework to track reported cases of domestic violence with firearms use, including victims and perpetrators and institutional response to these cases in the context of the implementation of the Law on the Prevention of Domestic Violence.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop an informative guide for applicants of firearms license applicants and their family members on key facts on domestic violence and firearms misuse, with information on the referral pathways for survivors of domestic violence.</li><li>• Develop a policy paper to strengthen the role of the health-care system in the prevention of firearms use in domestic violence.</li><li>• Conduct a qualitative analysis of media reporting on SALW misuse and domestic violence and media focused activities to increase partnership with and awareness of media.</li></ul>
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<b>SUPPORTING COUNTRY/INSTITUTION</b>	<i>France/Directorate for Security and Defense Cooperation/ Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs</i>
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<b>BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania</i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>3 years</i>
<b>CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT (IF AVAILABLE)</b>	Confidentiality clause in donation contracts
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation of an automatic ballistic identification system in 3D and a software for processing technical information on expert weapons following seizures by law enforcement, allowing statistical data to be collected.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and standardized across the region.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure standardization of procedures and practices in the area of arms control and FAE investigations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure exchange of operational and strategic information, data, intelligence as well as evidence with Europol, Frontex and Eurojust.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The equipment is in place in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow WB6 jurisdictions have an ABIS system and be able to make ballistic exchanges.</li> <li>• Allow WB6 jurisdictions to have a basis for registration of weapons information seized by law enforcement.</li> <li>• Allow WB6 jurisdictions produce seized weapons statistics and analyzes and exchange with their neighbors and EU countries</li> </ul>

<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT/ACTIVITY'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	No impact
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional training for use of ABIS system and software "Traffic" for : Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Training for "Traffic": Kosovo</li> <li>• Regional seminar for "Traffic": WB6</li> </ul>

<b>SUPPORTING COUNTRY/INSTITUTION</b>	<i>Swedish Police Authority</i>
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Ms. Sara Boija, E-mail: <a href="mailto:sara.boija@polisen.se">sara.boija@polisen.se</a> Ms. Svetlana Nesovic, E-mail: <a href="mailto:svetlana.nesovic@gov.se">svetlana.nesovic@gov.se</a></i>
<b>BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Serbian Ministry of Interior</i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>Dec 2018 – Dec 2021</i>
<b>CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT (IF AVAILABLE)</b>	SEK 31,869,789 including the cost of organizing study visits and trainings, which includes experts from the Swedish Police.  Please contact Sandra Vukotic Djuric from the Swedish Police Authority for further information.
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	Assist in introducing intelligence-led policing in the Serbian Police on national and regional level. Police officers have been trained in strategic analysis, Operational Analysis (OIAT) and risk analysis
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase national analytical capacities and institutionalize firearms data analysis.</li> </ul>

<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swedish-Serbian Police Cooperation program has over the years helped introduce intelligence-led policing in the Serbian Police on national and regional level. Police officers have been trained in strategic analysis, Operational Analysis (OIAT) and risk analysis. Efforts to improve the exchange and cooperation between the Serbian and the Swedish police in SALW area, primarily in the context of activities related to the development of the intelligence-led policing methodology in the work of the Serbian Police, have resulted in some improvements in the quality and better flow of intelligence information from Serbia to Sweden.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More work remains to be done to further improve the quality of information analysis to support the exchange of relevant operative data with Sweden and other police organizations.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT/ACTIVITY'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the program, there are planned activities targeting improved cooperation between analysts and managers on SALW issues (capacity building), but their implementation has been on hold due to the COVID-19 related travel restrictions. First meetings are planned for after the summer, if travel restrictions are lifted and they will focus on narcotics and weapons.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	See answer above

## PARTIALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	NATO/NSPA
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Serbia NATO Trust Fund – Ammunition Demilitarisation in Serbia</i> Mr. Namik Sonmez, E-mail: <a href="mailto:namik-kemal.sonmez@nspa.nato.int">namik-kemal.sonmez@nspa.nato.int</a>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>October 2016 – March 2022</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Serbian Ministry of Defence (with some Ministry of Interior ammunition)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Lead Nation: UK</i> <i>Contributors: Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, USA.</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	Estimated EUR 5,600,000 Current donations EUR 5,356,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 244,000 – under current scope
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop ammunition demilitarization capacity of the Government owned munitions facility, Tehnicki Remontni Zavod Kragujevac (TRZK).</li> <li>• Demilitarize up to 1,973 t of surplus munitions (not only SALW ammunition).</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goal 6:</b> Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</li> <li>• <b>Goal 7:</b> Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed the building of two new ammunition-processing buildings, officially opened on 25 Sept 2019.</li> <li>Re-established several industrial ammunition demilitarization lines between Oct-Dec 2019.</li> <li>Re-equipped the MoD ammunition Chemical laboratory.</li> <li>Demilitarized an estimated 711t of ammunition.</li> <li>In October 2020, the project was extended by 72 months until 24 March 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	N/A
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	The impact of COVID-19 has restricted some work and travels.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to optimise demilitarisation capacity.</li> <li>Implement a new contract with TRZK to start demilitarisation of an estimated 531t of ammunition.</li> <li>Further develop the demilitarisation capacity of the TRZK facility.</li> </ul>



<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to BiH</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Addressing security and safety risks of illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>  <i>Mr. Andrei Sarban, Arms Control Project Officer (ACPO), Department for Security Co-operation (DSC)</i> <i>E-mail: <a href="mailto:andrei.sarban@osce.org">andrei.sarban@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2020 - 2023</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) including entity and cantonal ministries of interior (MoIs)/police agencies; SALW Control Co-ordination Board; BiH Ministry of Security (MoS); Prosecutors' offices, courts and penitentiary services; population of BiH; OSCE participating States from SEE.</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Czech Republic, Germany, Lichtenstein and United States of America</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 3,464,208
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 1,097,628
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	The project objective is to support BiH in mitigating security and safety risks related to illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 1</b> - By 2025, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and standardized across the region. <b>Goal 3</b> - By 2025, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) within and beyond the Western Balkans. <b>Goal 4</b> - By 2025, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, outreach and advocacy. <b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<b>Goal 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully harmonize arms control legislation with EU legal framework and in line with international agreements/standards.</li> </ul> <b>Goal 3:</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>• Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> <li>• Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> <li>• Increase awareness among the general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>• Increase awareness among young men on the dangers of misuse of SALW since they account for the majority of perpetrators and victims of firearm-related incidents.</li> <li>• Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence.</li> <li>• Increase the partnership with, and awareness of media on the importance of adequate reporting on firearms misuse and firearms-enabled violence.</li> <li>• Increase administrative capacities and targeted outreach to complete re-registration within envisaged legal timeframe, as well as to address adequately found and inherited firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standard.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Project Proposal.</li> <li>• Fundraising activity.</li> <li>• Recruited Project staff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic security situation, fundraising for the project has encountered challenges.</p>

<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	Following the interruption of regular Mission work on 13 March 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the timeline for initiating Project implementation has been adjusted and extended until the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signing Project Implementation Protocol.</li> <li>• Upgrading police SALW storage/rooms at approved locations.</li> <li>• Assessment of SALW deactivation legislation.</li> <li>• Assessment of K9 capacity.</li> <li>• Support SALW Control Coordination Board for Institutional Outreaching.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to BiH</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Safety and Security Upgrade of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites (SAFE-UP BiH)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Andrei Sarban, Arms Control Project Officer, Department for Security Cooperation, E-mail: <a href="mailto:andrei.sarban@osce.org">andrei.sarban@osce.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2017-2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BiH Ministry of Defence</i></li> <li>• <i>Armed Forces of BiH</i></li> <li>• <i>Population of Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></li> <li>• <i>Countries of the region and other OSCE participating States</i></li> </ul>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 1,966,606
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 27,059

<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	The project objective is to contribute to the safety of the civilian population in BiH and abroad, as well as the military members serving at the storage sites in Bosnia and Hercegovina, through further upgrade of the security and safety infrastructure at Bosnia and Herzegovina’s prospective Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites in accordance with internationally accepted standards.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs and correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established a laboratory for thermal and chemical analyses of ammunition in TROM Doboј including training facility and storage for ammunition propellant charges.</li> <li>• Supported sustainability of Laboratory for thermal and chemical analyses of ammunition in TROM Doboј.</li> <li>• Training for BiH AF experts for testing of ammunition propellant charges.</li> <li>• Provided firefighting and fire protection equipment to prospective weapons and ammunition storage sites and TROM Doboј.</li> <li>• Upgraded of two (2) garages in ASSs Kula and Krupa for vehicles for QRF and firefighting and fire protection equipment.</li> <li>• Installed Street light in ASS Kula I, ASS Kula II and WSS Derventa-Rabic.</li> <li>• Constructed hydrant system in TROM Doboј.</li> <li>• Constructed and reconstruction of fire observation towers in ASSs Krupa and Kula.</li> <li>• Installed an Intruder Detection System - Package at ASS Kula II.</li> <li>• Supported maintenance and repair of IDS packages in ASSs Krupa and Kula.</li> <li>• Constructed of fence in TROM Doboј.</li> <li>• Supported sustainability to IDS in ASS Kula II, by providing additional equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	Slowdown of the project implementation due to pandemic COVID security situation.
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT’S</b>	Following the interruption of regular Mission work on 13 March 2020 in light of COVID-19 pandemic, timeline for implementation of all activities in SAFE-UP project adjusted and extended into 2021.

<b>PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	The Mission received an additional request from BiH MoD for increasing the security at prospective ASS by providing equipment to guard services of ASSs Krupa and Kula and the Mission plans to change the Project Proposal and extend the project implementation by two quarters by June 2021.
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide equipment for administrative and guard buildings at ASSs Krupa and Kula.</li> <li>• Repair/adjustment of the fence at ASS Krupa.</li> <li>• Provide equipment for SALW deactivation.</li> <li>• Support sustainability of Laboratory for thermal and chemical analyses of ammunition.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission in Kosovo</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Support to the strengthening of the Canine (K-9) capacity of the police services to detect and confiscate SALW, ammunition and explosives</i>  <i>Mr. Maurizio Mitrano, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:maurizio.mitrano@osce.org">maurizio.mitrano@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>1 September 2020 – 30 March 2022 (18 months)</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Internal Affairs, Police/ K9 Unit</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Federal Republic of Germany</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 395,612
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 295,612
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the strengthening of the existing K-9 capability of Kosovo Police and its direct contribution towards prevention, suppression and investigation of SALW, ammunition, and explosives misuse and trafficking in the WB.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.

<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment of two consultants, international and local, to conduct a “Comprehensive Needs Assessment on organisational, structural and operational capacities of the K-9 police units.”</li> <li>• Finalized comprehensive needs assessment and presented to the KP, MoIA and donor representatives.</li> <li>• Technical Working Group and Steering Committee established.</li> <li>• Finalized preparatory activities for the recruitment of a project officer.</li> <li>• Developed ToR for engaging a consultant for developing a zero draft of the Master Plan for the development of enhanced and sustainable K-9 capability of KP and provision of technical assistance on related legal and practical matters as part of the project.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	None
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT’S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	The COVID-19 pandemic and applied preventative measures affected the implementation modality of the activities. The Comprehensive needs assessment has been conducted online and few delays were encountered. The pandemic might also impact future planned activities, in terms of implementation modalities.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate meetings of the Working Group to develop, monitor, and guide the implementation of project activities and develop the Master Plan.</li> <li>• Support the WG to develop proposals on how to further improve the necessary amendments and supplements to the K9 legal, regulatory and training framework.</li> <li>• Support drafting of the Master Plan for the development of enhanced and sustainable K-9 capability of KP and provision of technical assistance on related legal and practical matters.</li> <li>• Design and construction works on the infrastructure improvements of the K-9 Unit polygon and accompanying infrastructure (scope to be determined by available funding).</li> <li>• Delivering specialized and advanced training for dog handlers (depending on the available funding).</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to Montenegro</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Mitigation of Safety and Security Risks related to SALW/SCA in Montenegro;</i> <i>Ms. Nadja Bobicic, Project Assistant – SALW Focal Point, E-mail: <a href="mailto:nadja.bobicic@osce.org">nadja.bobicic@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>November 2020 – August 2023</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Defense – Army of Montenegro</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Austria, Germany, Hungary, Switzerland</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 1,347,364
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 1,095,566
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced strategic, training and coordination capacities of the Ministry of Defence and other accountable and equitable government bodies in the field of SALW/SCA management.</li> <li>• Support in establishing an SCA surveillance framework.</li> <li>• Support in introducing capabilities to transport SALW/SCA in a safe and secure way according to international good practice.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mission is finalizing the process of hiring project staff and preparing a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with the Ministry of Defence.</li> </ul>

<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	Travel restrictions and delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	The activities will be implemented with a few months delay due to the Covid-19 related restrictions on travel and meetings. Changes in the government after last year's elections were another cause for delay.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of knowledge on international good practice within the area of SALW/SCA management through a comprehensive mentorship program.</li> <li>• Advisory and Co-ordination for MoD Montenegro Program in selected areas of a sustainable life cycle management of SALW/SCA.</li> <li>• Facilitation of Austrian advisory and training program through logistical support.</li> <li>• Support in furnishing and equipping the training facilities for the Austrian Mobile Team.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to Skopje</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Assisting the National Authorities of the Republic of North Macedonia to Decrease the Risk of Weapon Proliferation and Misuse of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gabor Kemeny, Project Coordinator, Email: <a href="mailto:gabor.kemeny@osce.org">gabor.kemeny@osce.org</a></i>  <i>Mr. Kostadin Kus-Ivanov, National Programme Officer, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Kostadin.Kus-Ivanov@osce.org">Kostadin.Kus-Ivanov@osce.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>May 2020 - September 2023</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Interior of the Republic of North Macedonia, National SALW Commission</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>German Foreign Office (EUR 479,999)</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 3,235,139
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 1,755,139



<p><b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce the risk of weapon proliferation and misuse of SALW in the Republic of North Macedonia through increasing the prevention, detection, analysis and investigative capacity of the MoIA and other governmental organisations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 3</b> - Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy</p> <p><b>Goal 5</b> - By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives</p>
<p><b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b></p>	<p><b>Goal 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> <li>Increase awareness among the general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>Increase awareness of dangers of celebratory shooting in particular as major contributors to firearm-related death and injury.</li> <li>Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantially increase the number of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established Project Implementation Team.</li> <li>• Completed procurement procedure for Detailed Design for construction kennels and refurbishing offices.</li> <li>• Started Elaboration of SOP on real-time information exchange and on the unified deployment of K9 assets.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	None
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the working group meetings are organized online, which decreases efficiency. No project delay due to COVID.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of special K9 vehicles.</li> <li>• Elaborating DD for construction works.</li> <li>• Elaborating DD for ICT upgrade.</li> <li>• Elaborating SOP on K9, real-time information exchange and updating the Rules of Procedure of the National SALW commission, developing orientation manual for the National SALW Commission.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Mission to Serbia</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>ExB Project: "Support to designing and implementing awareness raising campaigns on SALW control in Serbia"</i></p> <p><i>Project Manager: Ms. Ana Petrovic Jovanovic, Organized Crime Adviser, OSCE Mission to Serbia, E-mail: <a href="mailto:ana.petrovic-jovanovic@osce.org">ana.petrovic-jovanovic@osce.org</a></i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>10 September 2019 – 31 December 2022</i>

<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>SALW Coordination Council in Serbia, Ministry of Interior and general public</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>German Federal Foreign Office</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	EUR 351,163
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 201,163
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To strengthen the capacities of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and other state institutions to conduct awareness raising campaigns on SALW control, thus contributing to decreasing the amount of weapons in illegal possession, hindering the misuses of SALW, while increasing the safety of Serbia’s citizens.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 4</b> - By 2025, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, outreach and advocacy.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness among general population, both women and men, on the danger of misuse, illicit possession and trafficking of FAE.</li> <li>Increase confidence in security institutions as providers of adequate and equal safety for all through community-society-regional outreach activities.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the meeting held with the MoI representatives in April, it was agreed that the MoI will soon appoint a new contact person responsible for the co-ordination of the project implementation with the Mission.</li> <li>The MoI also committed to amending the ToR for the Working Group that will be in charge of developing and implementing the awareness-raising campaigns, and soon start with the preparation for the constitution of the Working Group.</li> <li>The awareness-raising campaign and the media plan, previously developed by the international expert has been translated into Serbian and is ready to be offered to the Working Group as a basis for their further discussion on the content and timeline for the outreach campaigns.</li> <li>The process of establishing a Project team and hiring of Project assistant has been completed.</li> <li>The Mission continues to fundraise for additional resources to cover the budget gap and address other needs expressed by the MoI.</li> </ul>

<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mission continues being proactive for reaching out to project beneficiaries and key partners and co-ordinate the activities.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	<p>Based on the most recent Government`s decision related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the restrictive measures were loosened but certain limitations in terms of the number of people at the meetings and other activities are still in place, as well as the Mol's staff official trips abroad and within the country.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the establishment of the Working Group for planning, designing and implementing awareness-raising campaigns was put on hold and will resume soon, as indicated by the Mol.</p>
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase capacity of the Serbian Ministry of Interior to effectively engage in raising awareness on SALW control and reduction of weapons in illegal possession, thus, decreasing the number of abuses of illegal weapons.</li> <li>• Establish the partnership between the Serbian Ministry of Interior, National police and civil society organizations in order to increase public awareness in preventing and misuse of SALW.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Secretariat-FSC Support Section</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Strengthening OSCE action against the illicit proliferation of SALW and SCA</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Slobodan Boskovic, Project Officer, CPC/FSC Support Section, E-mail: <a href="mailto:slobodan.boskovic@osce.org">slobodan.boskovic@osce.org</a>,</i></p>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2018 –2022</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>OSCE pS, OSCE Secretariat, OSCE FO's</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>Federal Foreign Office of Germany and United Kingdom Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>EUR 1,991,910</i>

<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 948,118
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist the OSCE Participating States to be able to better plan, implement and if necessary strengthening their commitments against the illicit proliferation of SALW/SCA.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>GOAL 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> <li>Increase human resources and administrative capacities of state institutions for monitoring, oversight and evaluation of the firearms and ammunition stocks of legal entities and individuals.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitated the fundraising activities for the WB portfolio, solidified through the High-level Donor Meeting on SALW and SCA Assistance Projects in SEE, held on 24 March 2021.</li> <li>Continued review and update of the OSCE normative framework by further updating and developing knowledge products on SALW and SCA: drafting the Guidance note (GNAP) on combatting illicit trafficking on SALW; The GNAP on the OSCE approach to Life Cycle of SALW has been finalized, whereas the GNAP on SALW/SCA training system is pending validation. Additionally, the Project provided support to the development of the BPG on Preventing, combatting and investigating illicit trafficking of SALW/CA and the Food for Thought Paper on the Assistance Mechanism under the OSCE Documents on SALW and SCA (the latter two under the auspices of Austria).</li> <li>Continued activities related to the SALW and SCA software development, to further operationalize the OSCE overview and optimize implementation of SALW/SCA practical assistance projects.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	Despite occasional delays, the Project still manages to achieve desired objectives through online consultations and thus maintains the desirable pace in the implementation of project activities. The project remains considered low-risk. There is still no need to modify the objective, result and/or indicators.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to further development and launch of projects relevant for the prevention and suppression of trafficking in South East Europe.</li> <li>Further development of other thematically specific knowledge products in support of prevention and suppression of trafficking of SALW (GNAPs).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize development of the SALW portal and preparing its rollout.</li></ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>UNDP Montenegro</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Rogame SALW Storage Upgrade</i>  <i>Mr. Gordan Ivanovic, Programme Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:gordan.ivanovic@undp.org">gordan.ivanovic@undp.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>August 2019 – June 2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Interior/Police Directorate</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	Federal Republic of Germany (Funding Windows)
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 162,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the project is finalized there are still 4 magazines in the Rogame ammunition storage that need to be upgraded. The cost is USD 530,000</li> </ul>
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The objective of the project is to further improve the security of SALW and ammunition stockpiles in Montenegro by supporting the upgrade of two SALW storage magazines and guardhouse of the MoI/Police Directorate SALW storage location Rogame, in line with international best practices and standards.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project design for the security upgrade of the two magazines and the guard house is finalised.</li> <li>Tender for the reconstruction works and supervision finalised, and vendors selected.</li> <li>Geodetic survey of the storage finalised.</li> <li>Storage registered at the Cadaster and works announced at the Ministry of Ecology, Spatial planning and Urbanism.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	Delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a slow administrative procedure when it comes to registration of the storage in the Cadaster.

<p><b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>Administrative procedure of registration of the storage in the Cadaster prolonged. Estimated project delay 9 months.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The upgrade of two SALW storage magazines and guardhouse of the MoI/Police Directorate SALW storage location Rogame, in line with international best practices and standards.</li> <li>• A handover ceremony marking the completion of works at the storage location.</li> </ul>



<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Global Firearms Programme / Support for the Implementation of Roadmap for Western Balkans</i>  <i>Ms. Simonetta Grassi, Senior Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Head of the Global Firearms Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – UNODC, Email: <a href="mailto:simonetta.grassi@un.org">simonetta.grassi@un.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2017-2021</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Western Balkan jurisdictions</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>France, Germany, Qatar, Sweden, Norway, United Kingdom, The Netherlands</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 3,488,485
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	USD 1,000,000
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	To prevent and counter illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, and their links to transnational organized and other serious crimes, including terrorism and organized crime, and foster effective international cooperation and information exchange.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 1</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>Goal 2</b> - By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.</p> <p><b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Goal 4</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure full legal and regulatory framework is in place with regards to FAE producers.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardize and institutionalize data collection on firearms, by gender and age, regarding legal and illegal SALW/firearms interdictions, armed violence incidents, ballistic evidence, and other firearms related data resulting in periodic regional FAE.</li> <li>• Institutionalize systematic collection of criminal justice data across the Criminal Justice Sector (at the level of Police and Customs, Prosecutors service, Court Service, Correctional and Penitentiary Services).</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>• Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> <li>• Increase awareness and reduce the misuses of firearms in violence against women, domestic violence and other forms of gender based violence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b></p>	<p>2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint regional meeting with UNDP/SEESAC to support direct cooperation and coordination, exchange of good practices and experiences in firearms control and in the investigation and prosecution of firearms and organized crime related cases.</li> <li>• Joint sub-regional training with UNDP/SEESAC for police officers from Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Montenegro and Serbia on identification and tracing of firearms and ammunition.</li> <li>• Development of a specialized training course on detection of firearms at land border crossings (served as the foundation for the FRONTEX Handbook for Border Guards on detection of firearms at land border crossings).</li> <li>• Training in BiH on detection of firearms at land border crossings with World Customs Organization (WCO), UK Border Force Skills Academy, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, and the Prosecutor’s Office of BiH.</li> <li>• Report on the Implementation of Import Marking Requirements for Firearms and Ammunition</li> <li>• Workshops on import marking in BiH and Serbia.</li> </ul>

	<p>2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to BiH and Serbia for development of legislation on firearms import marking:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Guidelines on the methods of marking firearms and ammunition and the Instruction on applying for a license to mark firearms and ammunition were promulgated in the Official Gazette of BiH No. 49/18.</li> <li>○ On 30 October 2018 the Defence and Internal Affairs Committee of the Serbian Parliament adopted at its 20th Sitting of the Bill on Testing, Stamping and Marking Firearms, Devices and Ammunition.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Development of train-the-trainers manual for detection of firearms at land border crossings</li> <li>• Three trainings in BiH on detection of firearms at land border crossings for BiH Customs.</li> <li>• Regional meeting on analysis of illicit firearms criminal cases.</li> <li>• Regional training for prosecutors on identification and tracing of firearms (jointly with EUROPO)</li> </ul> <p>2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training manual for a course on detection of firearms in postal and courier parcels.</li> <li>• Training in Montenegro for customs on detection of firearms in postal parcels.</li> <li>• SOP on detection of firearms in postal parcels for Customs Agency in Montenegro.</li> <li>• Support for the development of database in BiH for record-keeping of imported firearms.</li> <li>• Training for Montenegrin prosecutors on identification and tracing of firearms.</li> <li>• Training for BiH prosecutors on identification and tracing of firearms.</li> <li>• Analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in North Macedonia.</li> <li>• Working Group on Amendments to the Criminal Code in North Macedonia.</li> <li>• Analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in Montenegro.</li> <li>• Working Group on Amendments to the Criminal Code in Montenegro.</li> <li>• Sub-regional training for BiH, Montenegro and Serbia law enforcement, prosecutors and customs officers on investigation and prosecution of illicit arms transfers.</li> <li>• Education for Justice Firearms Modules (<a href="https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/tertiary/firearms.html">https://www.unodc.org/e4j/en/tertiary/firearms.html</a>) on:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Module 1: Introduction to Availability, Trafficking and Criminal Use of Firearms,</li> <li>○ Module 2: Basics on Firearms and Ammunition,</li> <li>○ Module 3: The Legal Market in Firearms,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Module 4: The Illicit Market in Firearms,</li> <li>○ Module 5: International Legal Frameworks,</li> <li>○ Module 6: National Regulations on Firearms,</li> <li>○ Module 7: Firearms, Terrorism and Organized Crime,</li> <li>○ Module 8: Criminal Justice Responses.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regional meeting on collection of data on Key Performance Indicator 5 under the regional Roadmap.</li> </ul> <p>2020-2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Development of analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in Serbia,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in Albania,</li> <li>● Recruitment of project staff in BiH, North Macedonia and Serbia,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in North Macedonia,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in Montenegro,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of Macedonian case law on firearms offences,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of criminal law and criminal procedure law in Kosovo,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of Serbian case law on firearms offences,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of Montenegrin case law on firearms offences,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of Albanian case law on firearms offences,</li> <li>● Development of analysis of Bosnian case law on firearms offences,</li> <li>● Recruitment of a consultant for development of a regional report on firearms relevant data in the Criminal Justice System of the WB jurisdictions,</li> <li>● Translation into Albanian, Macedonia, Montenegrin and Serbian of a Practical Guide for requesting Electronic Evidence across Borders,</li> <li>● Training on identification and tracing of firearms for Serbian prosecutors,</li> <li>● Training on identification and tracing of firearms for Montenegrin prosecutors,</li> <li>● Workshop on inter-institutional information exchange on criminal procedure law applicable to firearms offences, Nis, Serbia,</li> <li>● Firearms case law workshop, Nis, Serbia,</li> <li>● Firearms case law workshop, Novi Sad, Serbia,</li> <li>● Firearms case law workshop, Belgrade, Serbia,</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearms case law workshop -prosecutors, Skopje, North Macedonia,</li> <li>• Firearms case law workshop -judges, Skopje, North Macedonia,</li> <li>• Training for a private company on detection of firearms in fast parcels, Sarajevo, BiH,</li> <li>• Regional webinar on collection of electronic evidence across borders,</li> <li>• Development of training tools for online and off-line capacity building events: four video modules on identification and tracing of firearms for prosecutors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b></p>	<p>The global COVID-19 pandemic, and the subsequent lockdown and temporary closure of borders, has impacted the activities of UNODC. The main challenges were associated with difficulties to conduct in-person training activities with higher number of participants and the organization of in-person regional events. The UNODC GFP has adjusted its work with the developing COVID-19 pandemic in the region and develop tools that can be deployed both on-line and off-line for capacity building activities. The recruitment of team members in BiH, Serbia and North Macedonia has been identified as a successful strategy as this has allowed to re-establish contacts with counterparts through in-person meetings.</p>
<p><b>DID COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECT THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS AND IF SO, HOW? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b></p>	<p>The project progress is affected the COVID 19 pandemic. For example, three of UNODC's consultants have been infected by COVID-19 virus. The implementation of many activities has been postponed due to the existing restrictions. A request for 6 months no-cost extension will be submitted to the Steering Committee.</p>
<p><b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 trainings for private company on detection of firearms in fast parcels.</li> <li>• Trainings on identification and tracing of firearms.</li> <li>• Workshops on inter-institutional information exchange on criminal procedure law applicable to firearms offences.</li> <li>• Firearms case law workshop.</li> </ul>

## NOT FUNDED PROJECTS

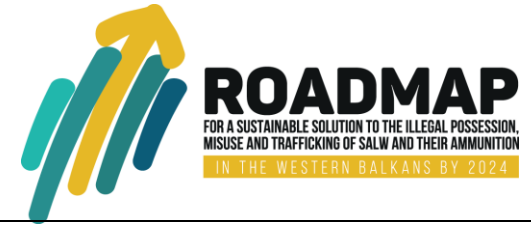
<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	NATO/NSPA
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina NATO Trust Fund – Securing of Arms Rooms</i> <i>Ms. Eirini Lemos-Maniati, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Lemos-maniati.eirini@hq.nato.int">Lemos-maniati.eirini@hq.nato.int</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	2021-2023
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	TBC
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	Estimated EUR 1,500,000 – 2,000,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist the BiH MoD and AF in upgrading the security of identified Armed Forces units’ arms rooms up to international standards.</li> <li>• Decrease the risk of loss and diversion of SALW and their ammunition.</li> <li>• In coordination with the Ammunition, Weapons and Explosives Master Plan in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goal 7:</b> Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>

<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial pre-feasibility assessment in October 2019 to determine the overall issue and understand the requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	N/A
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	Delay in establishment of relevant agreements.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	Establishment of new BiH NATO Trust Fund and initiation of project.

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	NATO
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	NATO Building Integrity (BI) Dr. Nadja Milanova, E-mail: <a href="mailto:milanova.nadja@hq.nato.int">milanova.nadja@hq.nato.int</a>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	2021-2022
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Defence, Countries in the region of South Eastern Europe
<b>DONOR</b>	Switzerland (earmarked funding within the NATO BI Trust Fund)
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	Estimated EUR 60,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw upon the lessons learned from Bosnia and Herzegovina in the area of accountability and life cycle management of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition and develop a methodology to analyse good governance risks in this area and possible solutions.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce an actionable and practical intervention toolkit in the form of a handbook for institutionalising good practices of DIB/AC to include inter alia tailored “knowledge materials” on BI, good governance and arms control for the life cycle management of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition as one of the functional area across the DIB/AC spectrum.</li> <li>• Build national capabilities for strengthening accountability and good governance in the process of life cycle management of small arms and light weapons and their ammunition.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goal 4:</b> Significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.</li> <li>• <b>Goal 7:</b> Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 4:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange good practices with a specific focus on the areas defined in the Roadmap. Increase awareness among licensed private and legal entities about the danger of misuse and illicit proliferation of FAE.</li> <li>• Develop sustainable partnerships to strengthen advocacy, reinforce outreach and reach messaging multipliers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build the capacities of relevant state institutions (ministries of defence, armed forces) to recognize risks of poor governance and their negative impact and establish good practices to address those risks in Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<p>In preparation for the start of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secured the commitment of Bosnia and Herzegovina to share their lessons learned and national experience for the implementation of the project with a letter by the Minister of Defence to NATO (December 2020).</li> <li>• Conducted a series of experts’ meetings to identify expertise and set up the project platform (December 2020 – May 2021).</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	N/A





<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	N/A
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	Establishment of project platform and initiation of project.

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>OSCE Presence in Albania</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Assisting the National Authorities of the Republic of Albania to Decrease the Risk of Weapon Proliferation and Misuse of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)</i>  <i>Mr. Sasho Trpchevski, Law Enforcement Development Officer, OSCE Presence in Albania, Email: <a href="mailto:Sasho.Trpchevski@osce.org">Sasho.Trpchevski@osce.org</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>July 2021-July 2024</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministries, institutions and the population of the Republic of Albania</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>BAFA, European Union, France, Germany</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	/
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	EUR 1,266,361
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	To reduce the risk of SALW proliferation and misuse in the Republic of Albania through building and improving the legal framework, knowledge, proficiency, and capability of Albanian authorities to prevent, detect, and investigate misuse and trafficking of SALW, ammunition and explosives.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Goal 3</b> - By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.</li> <li>• <b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.</li> <li>• Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal FAE through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.</li> <li>• Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the capacities of relevant state institutions (armed forces, law enforcement, forest guards, customs, correctional services) to establish inspection systems and implement Life Cycle Management of SALW and ammunition (where relevant).</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project proposal is in the final stage of approval within the OSCE PiA.</li> </ul>
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	Newly appointed project manager, restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	Restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic hindered the necessary direct communication between all actors in this complex project, reducing it to online meetings. This takes more time than necessary and delays the start of project activities. We expect the Project to start in July 2021.
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruiting the Project Implementation Team (PIT).</li> <li>Developing initial assessments (i.e. on deactivation, and infrastructure design).</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>ITF Enhancing Human Security</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) support in Albania</i>  <i>Mr. Blaž Mihelič, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Blaz.Mihelic@itf.si">Blaz.Mihelic@itf.si</a></i> <i>Ms. Nataša Uršič, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Natasa.Ursic@itf.si">Natasa.Ursic@itf.si</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>September 2021- September 2022</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>MoD (Albanian Armed Forces)</i>
<b>DONOR</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	<i>USD 730,000</i>
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	<i>N/A</i>

<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	The primary objective of the project is to identify of sustainable solution for disposal of toxic waste (ash) from former ammunition disposal facilities in accordance with the legislation and good practices used.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	The project has not started yet.
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	N/A
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	N/A
<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To determine exact quantity of ash located in formal disposal facilities in Albania, and current storage condition.</li> <li>• To conduct chemical analysis focused on the content of heavy metals.</li> <li>• To consult certified organizations for possible solutions and propose optimal solution for disposal.</li> </ul>

<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>ITF Enhancing Human Security</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<p><i>Conventional Weapons Destruction and Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) support in North Macedonia</i></p> <p>Mr. Blaž Mihelič, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Blaz.Mihelic@itf.si">Blaz.Mihelic@itf.si</a>          Mr. Andrej Golob, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:Andrej.Golob@itf.si">Andrej.Golob@itf.si</a></p>

<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	2021-2022
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	Government of North Macedonia
<b>DONOR</b>	TBD
<b>PROJECT FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	USD 1,500,000
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	Not funded
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	The goal of this program is to increase human security by decreasing direct threat to the people, property and the environment by assisting the Government of North Macedonia in facilitating various CWD and PSSM activities.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S</b>	<b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition. <b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<b>Goal 6:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <b>Goal 7:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>
<b>ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED (Beginning of the project – 30 April 2021)</b>	The project has not started yet.
<b>MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED</b>	N/A
<b>HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?</b>	N/A

<b>ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL END 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To contact beneficiary.</li> <li>• To determine exact quantity of ammunition surplus designated for disposal.</li> <li>• To prepare project proposal.</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/AGENCY</b>	<i>ITF Enhancing Human Security</i>
<b>PROGRAMME/PROJECT TITLE AND CONTACT PERSON</b>	<i>Conventional Weapons Destruction and Physical Security and Stockpile Management in Montenegro</i> <i>Mr. Gregor Sančanin, Project Manager, E-mail: <a href="mailto:gregor.sancanin@itf.si">gregor.sancanin@itf.si</a></i>
<b>PROJECT DURATION</b>	<i>2022 - 2024</i>
<b>PROJECT BENEFICIARY/IES</b>	<i>Ministry of Interior - Emergency Management Directorate of Republic of Montenegro</i> <i>Ministry of Defense of Republic of Montenegro</i>
<b>FUNDING AMOUNT</b>	See ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN 2022-24 as specified
<b>FUNDING GAPS (IF ANY)</b>	See ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN 2022-24 as specified
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	See ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN 2022-24 as specified
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL</b>	<p><b>Goal 6</b> - Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.</p> <p><b>Goal 7</b> - Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.</p>
<b>CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP OVERALL TARGET/S</b>	<p><b>Goal 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematically destroy all surplus stockpile FAE in an environmentally benign manner.</li> <li>• Systematically and publicly destroy all seized FAE.</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 7:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe and secure SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities designated based on identified needs and in accordance with international standards.</li> </ul>

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED	N/A
MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED	N/A
HOW HAS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC AND ITS RELATED MEASURES AFFECTED THE PROJECT'S PROGRESS? WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED PROJECT DELAY (IF ANY)?	N/A
ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN 2022-2024	<p><b>1. Conventional Weapons Destruction, USD 3,000,000 [NOT FUNDED]</b> The goal of the project is to increase human security and thus decrease direct threat to people, property and the environment by assisting the Government of Montenegro (MoD and Mol) in facilitating various conventional weapons destruction (CWD) activities, including stockpile reduction and stockpile security and stockpile management (PSSM).</p> <p><b>2. Physical Security and Stockpile Management – Rogami storage upgrade, 2021-2022, USD 1,000,000 [PARTIALLY FUNDED]</b> The goal of the project is to increase human security and thus decrease direct threat to people, property and the environment by assisting the Government of Montenegro storage facility where Mol stores various dangerous and unstable or obsolete ammunitions, ERW and/or conventional weapons (CWD) - stockpile reduction and stockpile security and stockpile management (PSSM).</p> <p><b>3. Physical Security and Stockpile Management – Ministry of Defence storage upgrade, 2022–2024, USD 1,000,000 [NOT FUNDED]</b> The goal of the project is to increase human security and thus decrease direct threat to people, property and the environment by assisting the Government of Montenegro storage facility where MoD stores various dangerous and unstable or obsolete ammunitions, ERW and/or conventional weapons (CWD) - stockpile reduction and stockpile security and stockpile management (PSSM).</p> <p><b>4. Support to Montenegro Ministry of Defence with Required Technical Equipment, 2022-2024, USD 200,000 [NOT FUNDED]</b> Within this project Montenegro Ministry of Defence would be supported with upgraded technical capacities required for maintaining good standard of operations.</p>

