The information herein is extracted from the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP) (http://www.seesac.org/AVMP/) showing the main data on the reported firearm-related incidents in South East Europe covering Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova and Serbia, as collected from media reports, for the period from 1 to 31 March 2020.

As per media clippings, a total of 143 firearm-related incidents that took place in the region were recorded on the AVMP.

The lowest number of firearm-related incidents in the last six months was recorded in March.

*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).
Misuse of firearms in criminal context was reported in 30% of all cases.

Types of incidents

- 16 Other/unknown
- 58 Weapon seizure
- 0 Weapon used for defence
- 11 Public dispute or argument
- 7 Family or domestic violence
- 3 Dispute with police, security, army
- 43 Criminal (gang, theft, money, drugs)
- 5 Accident, hunting, celebratory/misfire
Perpetrators

Total number of perpetrators was 154, of whom 151 were men and 3 were women.*

Victims

In all incidents in March, the total number of victims was 67. In the incidents for which the sex of the victims was reported, 56 were men and 11 were women.

March has recorded the lowest number of firearm-related victims in the last six months.

* Refers only to incidents for which the number and sex of the perpetrators was reported.
Outcome for Victims

*Not applicable shall refer to a) all incidents where a firearm was present but was not discharged nor used for inflicting injuries and threatening (for example, a theft of a firearm); b) all incidents where the firearm was discharged but the outcome for the victim is not specified.

Relationship between victims and perpetrators

*Other shall refer to all relationships that cannot be classified under any of the above categories, as well as to weapons seizures, suicides, self-injury, non-hunting-related killing of animals, etc.
Macro location of the firearm-related incidents

More than 80% of incidents took place in urban areas.