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 January 2020.

As per media clippings, a total of 198 firearm-related incidents that took place in the region were recorded on the AVMP.**

Weapon seizures (90) accounted for almost half of all firearm-related incidents (196) in January.

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

**The information provided in this report is based on the AVMP data extracted on 10 February 2020.
The misuse of firearms in criminal context was most frequently reported in BiH (11) and North Macedonia (10).

Firearm-related incidents include accidental firing, hunting incidents or celebratory shooting in 11% of the cases.
Perpetrators
Total number of perpetrators was **198**, of whom **196** were men and **5** were women.*

While women accounted for **2%** of the perpetrators of firearm-related incidents, they made up **24%** of victims.

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

Victims*
In all incidents in January, the total number of victims was **100**. In the incidents for which the sex of the victims was reported, **69** were men and **22** were women.

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* Victim refers to any individual who has been threatened, injured or died as a result of the use of a firearm.
Outcome for Victims

There were no reported cases of the use of a firearm in self-defence.

*Not applicable refers to 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).

Relationship between victims and perpetrators

*Other refers 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 shooting of animals, etc.
Macro location of the firearm-related incidents

Three quarters of firearm-related incidents were committed in the urban areas.
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