



# **Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW in the Western Balkans by 2024**

## **Monitoring Framework (5<sup>th</sup> Progress Report)-Belgrade**

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**ROADMAP  
IMPLEMENTATION:**

Monitoring & Evaluation  
Platform

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Biannual progress reports documenting the progress, challenges and needs in the Roadmap implementation, against the KPIs and its goals;

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The SALW Commissions are responsible for collecting the required data and progress on activities as per Roadmap Goals, from all relevant institutions (except for KPI 5 and KPI 14);

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SEESAC is integrating the data into a regional report that is shared regularly with the EU, other donors, regional and international partners;

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Supported through the EU Council Decision 2018/1788.

# KEY DATES



## PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 1 KEY FINDINGS (KPI 1)

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

- Main laws on civil use of firearms, ammunition and explosives remain partially harmonized. Full harmonization of laws related to military use of FAE.
  - *Tables of concordance of the draft Law on pyrotechnic articles and explosives for civil use with the EU directives developed. Draft Law on Explosive Substances pending adoption;*
  - *Rulebook on the method of performing control during testing, marking, individual testing, homologation, ammunition type control, testing of deactivated weapons and weapons permanently converted to civilian use, as well as the layout of markings and stamps was adopted.*
- Support needed in developing legal framework, regulating the area of explosive precursors.
- The provisions of the Criminal Code show partial alignment with the UN Firearms Protocol.

PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 2  
KEY FINDINGS (KPI 2, 3, 7 & 8)

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

- SALW Coordination Council coordinating and monitoring activities under SALW Strategy and Roadmap Action Plan; Evaluation of current Action Plan ongoing.
- Analysis of the legislative framework regulating the carrying/possession of firearms and domestic violence supported by UNDP Serbia.
- FFP established as virtual FFP. Key databases connected. Analysts and IT trained.
- Investigation capacities for firearms related crimes have been improved significantly with provision of equipment, SoPs and training for crime scene investigation (CSI) units.
- Ballistic laboratory is not yet accredited – significant improvement of its ballistic examinations' capacities reported. A new automated ballistic identification system (Evofinder) in place.

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- A needs assessment of criminal police to be initiated in 2021.
- Continued cooperation with EUROJUST reported.
- Improved capacities for marking and tracing of firearms. Regular use and exchange of information through SIENA and iARMS reported.
- Development of application “Stolen and Missing Weapons” as unique information system of the Mol to trace missing/stolen weapons.
- No unified information exchange system in place between police, prosecutor’s office and court.

## KPI 3

| <b>Illegal possession of FAE</b>                               | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b>  |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Reported <u>individuals</u> during the reporting period</b> | 1,685       | 1,366       | <b>1,307</b> |
| <b>Solved with conviction (adjudicated)</b>                    | 869         | 920         | <b>877</b>   |
| <b>Solved in another way</b>                                   | 363         | 208         | <b>359</b>   |

- No data on cases and individuals related to trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes.



## PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 3 KEY FINDINGS (KPI 4, 6 & 9)

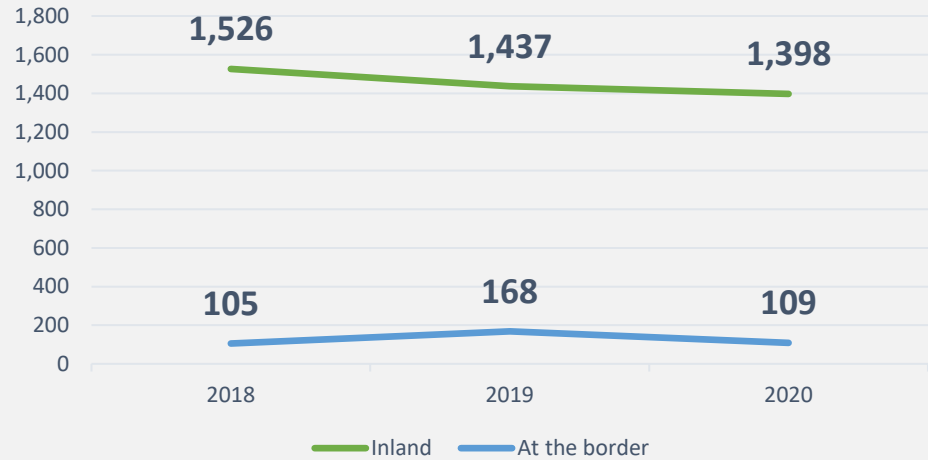
*By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.*

- Strengthening of border capacities reported in 2020 through:
  - Needs assessment of the border police authorities conducted by SEESAC;
  - Peer Review Mission to assess capacity of MoI's K-9 organizational units conducted by OSCE.
- Continued cooperation in countering illicit trafficking of firearms with INTERPOL, EUROPOL and FRONTEX reported.
- Participation in JAD and Bosphorus/Conversus operations reported.
- No cases of diversion of arms exports were reported in 2020.

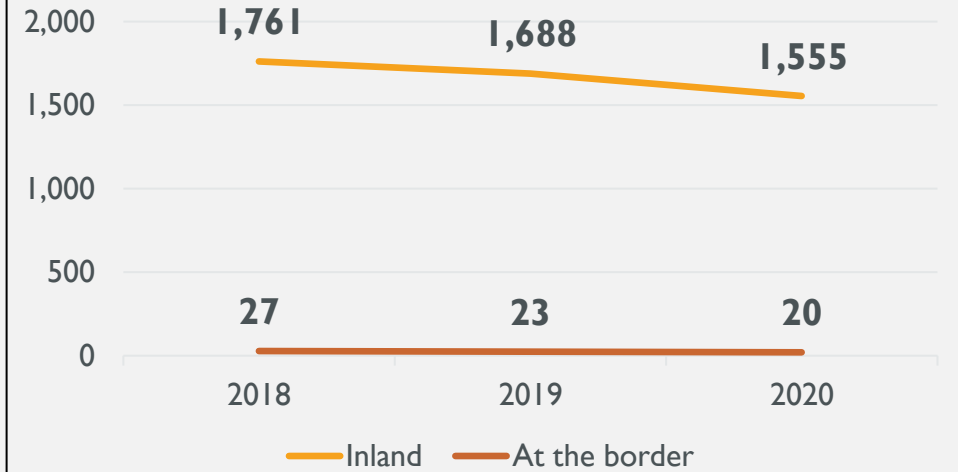


# KPI 4

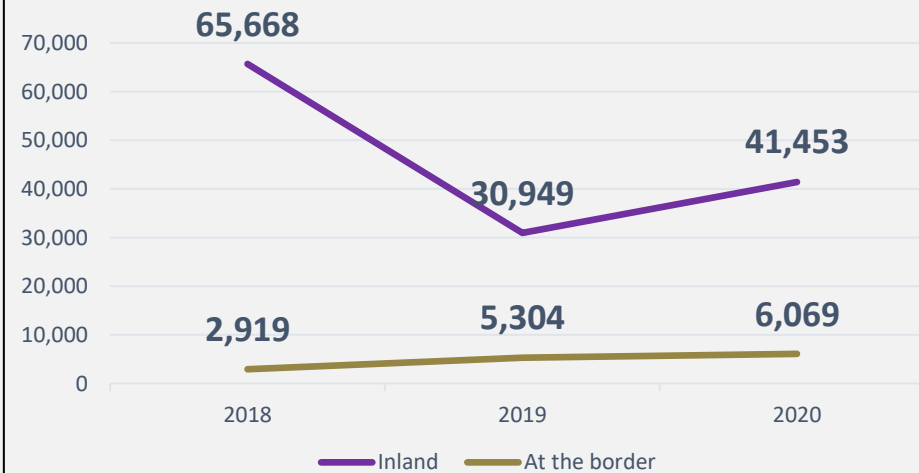
### Cases of seized FAE



### Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)



### Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)



PROGRESS REPORT –  
GOALS 4 & 5  
KEY FINDINGS (I0 & I1)

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

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

- Activities related to awareness raising, outreach and education reported as limited.
  - Delay or postponement of implementation of several projects within Goal 4 reported due to the pandemic.
- Increased number of firearm incidents in the reporting period than in the previous one (91 v 75), still lower than in 2019.
- Decreased number of deaths and injuries with firearms in 2020; A high number of domestic violence cases using firearms reported (22). Despite the decrease, a high number of suicides also reported (109/138).
- At least five suicides were committed in context of domestic violence, in a murder-suicide pattern (re.AVMP).

# KPI 10

|         | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------|------|------|------|
| Legal   | 0    | 71   | 49   |
| Illegal | 0    | 35   | 23   |
| N/A     | 311  | 186  | 94   |
| Total   | 311  | 292  | 166  |

# KPI 10

|       | Death | Injury | Suicide |
|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 2018  | 43    | 26     | 137     |
| 2019  | 32    | 34     | 138     |
| 2020  | 32    | 26     | 109     |
| Total | 107   | 86     | 384     |

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- Legalization campaign conducted for a 5 month period, following amendment of the law on Weapons and ammunition.
- 50,011 firearms and 2,659 pcs of ammunition reported voluntary surrendered in 2020.
- Weapons re-registration ongoing in the reporting period. Amendment to the law on weapons allowing for re-registration until March 2022.
- 391 firearms deactivated in 2020, highest number in the region (276 in I-2020 and 115 in II-2020).

**KPI 14 –  
Percentage of citizens feeling threatened by the illegal possession  
and misuse of weapons in their neighborhood**

*How threatened do you feel by the illegal possession and misuse of weapons in your neighborhood (as in crime, domestic violence, celebratory shooting, etc.)?*

|                | Year 1     |    | Year 2     |    | Year 3     |    |
|----------------|------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|
| Age            | W          | M  | W          | M  | W          | M  |
| 18-24          | 42         | 18 | 39         | 36 | 44         | 42 |
| 25-34          | 35         | 33 | 20         | 34 | 44         | 35 |
| 35-44          | 38         | 29 | 26         | 36 | 44         | 30 |
| 45-54          | 26         | 25 | 33         | 34 | 49         | 38 |
| 55-64          | 28         | 30 | 25         | 33 | 50         | 41 |
| 65 and over    | 35         | 28 | 26         | 34 | 35         | 30 |
| <b>AVERAGE</b> | <b>31%</b> |    | <b>31%</b> |    | <b>39%</b> |    |

PROGRESS REPORT –  
GOALS 6 & 7  
KEY FINDINGS (KPI 12 & 13)

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

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

- Destruction of ammunition and explosives surplus conducted during the reporting period.
- No destruction of confiscated FAE reported in this period.
- Inspections of legal entities reported throughout 2020.
- Trend in increased number of weapons reported lost/stolen – 2021 weapons reported lost/stolen in 2020:
  - 1,526 weapons by civilians
  - 34 weapons by legal entities.
- Continued work on increasing safety of Duvaniste warehouse reported; Initiation of security upgrades of the Mol evidence rooms planned for 2021.





*THANK YOU*