

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

Monitoring Framework (5th Progress Report)-Podgorica

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**ROADMAP
IMPLEMENTATION:**

Monitoring & Evaluation
Platform

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

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);

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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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 reported as not harmonized with EU Directives and Regulations.
- Ongoing work on amendments to two specific laws (on weapons and production of FA) and development of tables of concordances has been reported.
- Partial compliance with UN Firearms Protocol in particular related to definitions of illicit production and trafficking and criminalization of illicit production and trafficking of firearms.
- COVID-19 pandemic and political situation slowed down progress mainly due to inability of working groups to convene regularly.

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.

- The SALW Commission coordinating and monitoring the SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2024).
- Gender screening of legal and policy framework on FAE in 2021.
- FFP established in the Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Unit and reported to be staffed and equipped. Key databases connected.
- FFP has already started producing intelligence products and is the focal point for firearms tracing.
- Accreditation process of **Ballistic Laboratory** reported as ongoing. Automated Ballistic Identification System now in place supported by the Government of France.
- Joint Action Day (JAD) Coordinator appointed and exchange of firearm-related information, as well as information on lost and stolen weapons is reported through SIENA and iARMS.

KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE

	2018	2019	2020
Reported cases during the reporting period	No data	No data	279
Dismissed (charges against individuals)	46	47	66
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	274	281	176

- Zero number of cases and individuals reported on trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes!

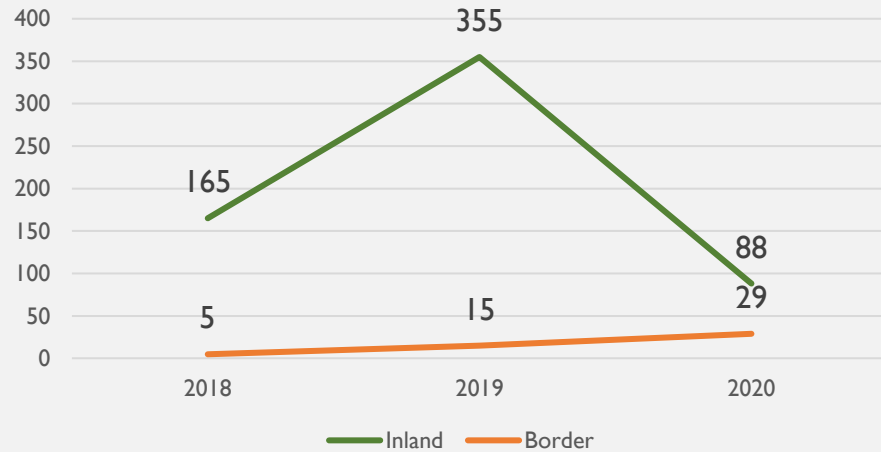
PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 3 KEY FINDINGS (KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

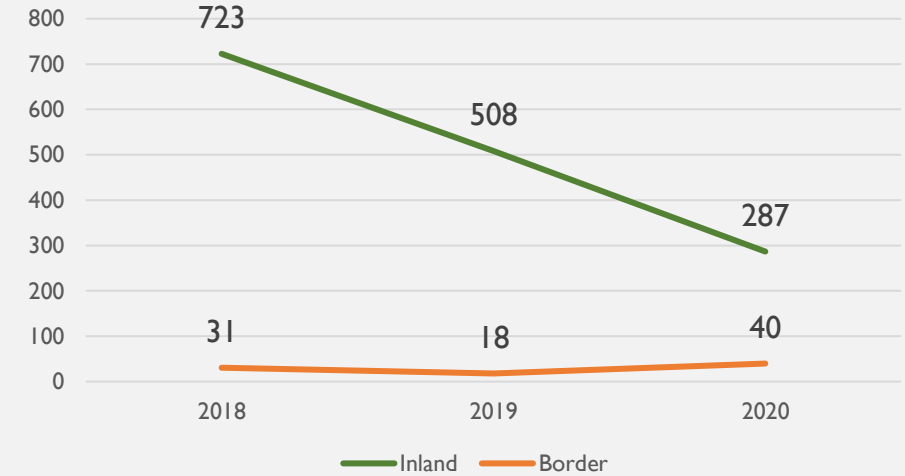
- Mapping of needs in terms of equipment, training and procedures to support strengthening of border police capacities completed with concrete support to follow in 2021.
- Support with equipment mainly for detection of explosives reported with OSCE support.
- Participation in the Joint Action Days (JADs) reported. Engagement and cooperation with FRONTEX for a tighter border control.
- No reported cases of diversion from legal trade of arms and ammunition reported/higher number of arms export licenses in the reporting period.
- Information exchange between law enforcement agencies, prosecution and judiciary system is still identified as challenge.

KPI 4

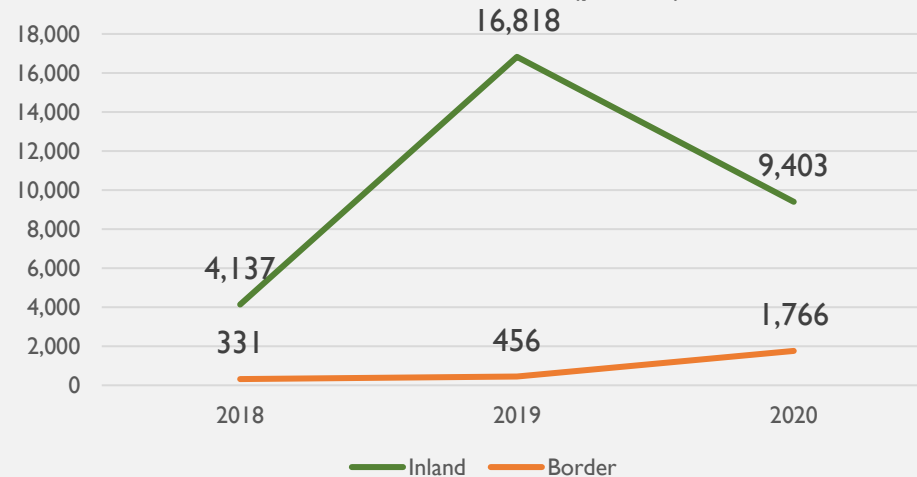
Cases of seized FAE



Seized firearms (pieces)



Seized ammunition (pieces)



Data on KPI 4 was partially available in 1-2019.

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.

- Increased number of firearm incidents compared to previous period (85 v 70) but lower than 2019.
- Montenegro is the only jurisdiction in the region with a decrease in the firearm-related incidents in 2020. (Ref.AVMP). Domestic violence cases in increase.
- Decrease in number of deaths, injuries and suicides since previous reporting period; Men continue to be the most reported victims.
- Majority of incidents are committed with illegal firearms.
- Among the most reported types of weapons include handguns and rifles/shotguns.

KPI 10

	Death	Injury	Suicide
2018	6	15	26
2019	12	23	20
2020	12	10	8
Total	30	48	54

**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	
	W	M	W	M	W	M
Age						
18-24	43	47	42	45	11	4
25-34	47	43	36	38	21	7
35-44	54	39	35	50	32	14
45-54	51	31	42	37	28	11
55-64	37	38	41	45	39	22
65 and over	44	42	42	46	43	28
AVERAGE	43%		42%		22%	

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- Low number of awareness activities reported - limited mainly in media statements.
- Need for support in implementing activities targeting weapons producers, sellers and other licensed entities.
- Decrease in voluntary surrendered firearms compared to previous report (19 vs 89), while increase in surrendered pieces of ammunition (5,234 vs 572).
- No legalization of firearms reported in 2020.
- Very low number of firearms deactivated, pending adoption of the amendments to the law on weapons.

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.

- No surplus stockpile of SALW/firearms and ammunition reported.
- Disposal of discovered unexploded ordnance reported.
- Inspection of relevant legal entities is not carried out on continuous basis.
- No reports on stolen/lost weapons by state and private entities.
- Ongoing work reported on improving security infrastructure of storages for both armed forces and law enforcement.
- Need for international assistance indicated by Ministry of Defence.



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