



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)-Pristina

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ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION:

Monitoring & Evaluation
Framework

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.

- COVID-19 pandemic stalled the process of harmonization of the legal framework on arms control with the EU Acquis during the reporting period mainly due to inability of working groups to convene.
- Main laws on firearms, ammunition and explosive remain partially harmonized.
 - Based on recent UNODC assessment, the provisions of the criminal code have the highest level of harmonization in the region with the provisions of the UN Firearms Protocol.

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

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- SALW Commission is in place and in charge of coordination and monitoring of SALW Control Strategy (2017-2021).
- No activities initiated during this period on improving the capacities on gender sensitive data collection; Gender screening of the legal framework on FAE ongoing.
- Firearms Focal Point operational, exchanging information, carrying out periodic risk analysis and periodic assessment of threats.
- Capacity building for police officers on firearms investigations ongoing during the reporting period.
- No direct access to INTERPOL's iARMS or EUROPOL's SIENA; Exchange of information ongoing via UNMIK ILO and to EUROPOL through EULEX.
- 116 stolen firearms recorded in iARMS in the reporting period, a significant increase from previous period.

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- Tracing of firearms conducted on regular basis; 86 requests for tracing sent and 35 requests received in 2020.
- The Ballistics Lab has 5 accredited methods as per ISO 17025:2007 and it has extended its accreditation until 2023.
- Standardized data recording and exchange among police and prosecution-courts on firearms related crimes still lacking.
- Number of illegal possession cases reported much higher than those of trafficking (536 vs 8).
- Number of cases solved through adjudication or other means much lower in the reporting period (11 cases reported).
- No cases of altering marking of firearms or illegal manufacturing reported.

KPI 3

	2018	2019	2020
Illegal Possession of FAE - reported cases during the reporting period	1327	2,187	1,003
Illegal Possession of FAE - reported individuals during the reporting period	1691	3,063	1,339
Illegal Possession of FAE - solved with conviction (adjudicated)	No data	580	14
Illegal Possession of FAE - solved in another way	No data	162	7

KPI 3

	2018	2019	2020
Trafficking of FAE - reported cases during the reporting period	19	61	10
Trafficking of FAE - reported individuals during the reporting period	56	76	19
Trafficking of FAE - solved with conviction (adjudicated)	No data	8	0
Trafficking of FAE - solved in another way	No data	2	0

KPI 8

Number of ↓:	2018	2019	2020
FAE related incidents recorded by police:	1,608	1,160	1,228
FAE cases processed by the misdemeanour judge:	460	685	17
FAE cases solved by the misdemeanour judge:	522	209	0
FAE cases dropped by the prosecutor:	23	17	20
FAE cases dropped by the judge/pretrial judge:	19	1	4

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.

- High number of inspections based on risk profiles and second line checks reported.
- Further support provided to border police with equipment, training and K9.
- Operational cooperation with international specialized agencies reported in context of participation of Joint Action Days.
- Number of seized firearms and ammunition increased in the reporting period; Higher number of trafficking cases detected reported.

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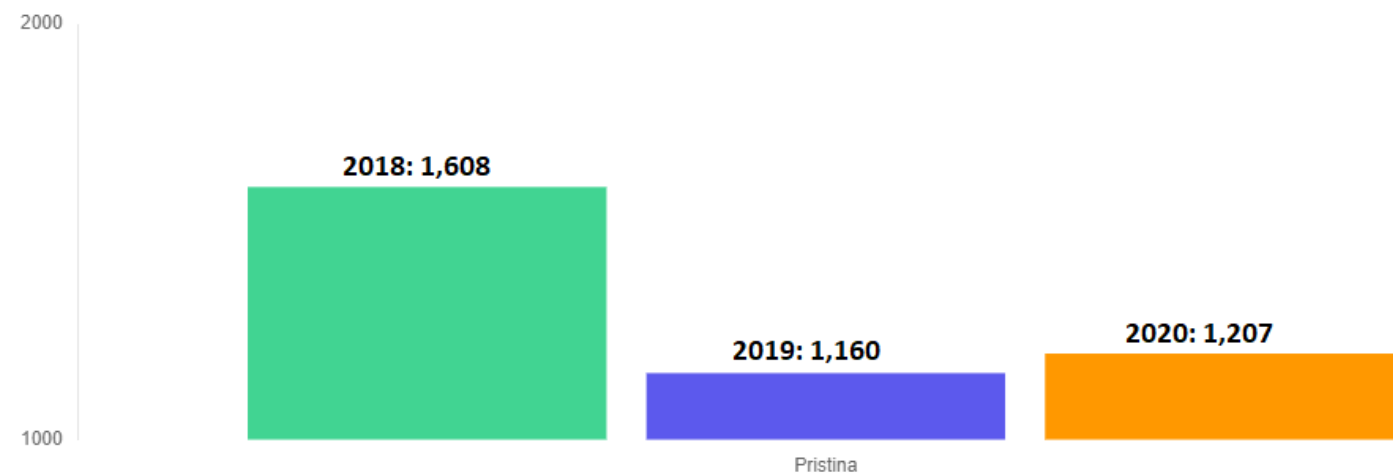
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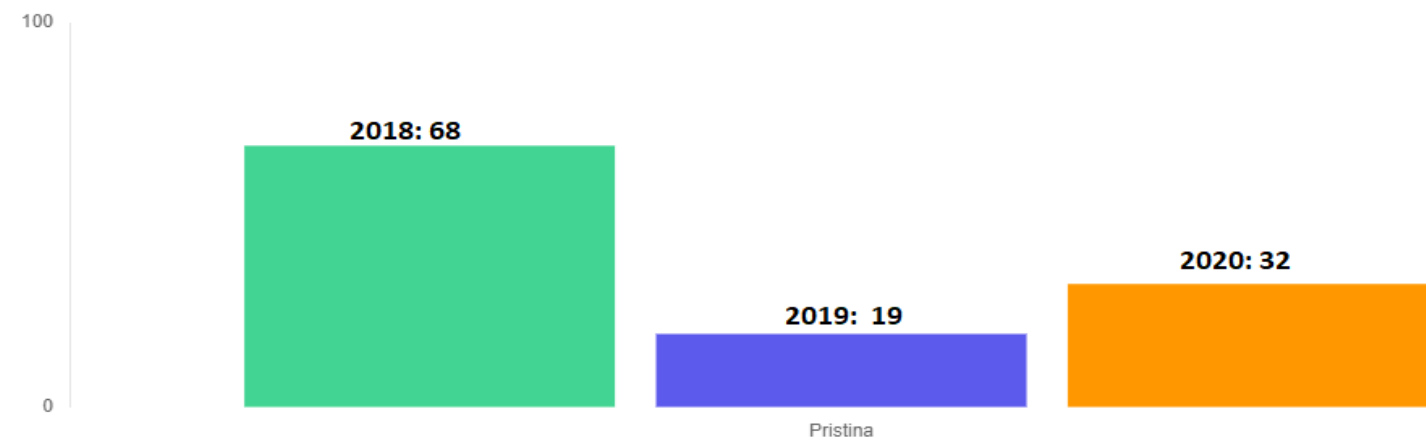
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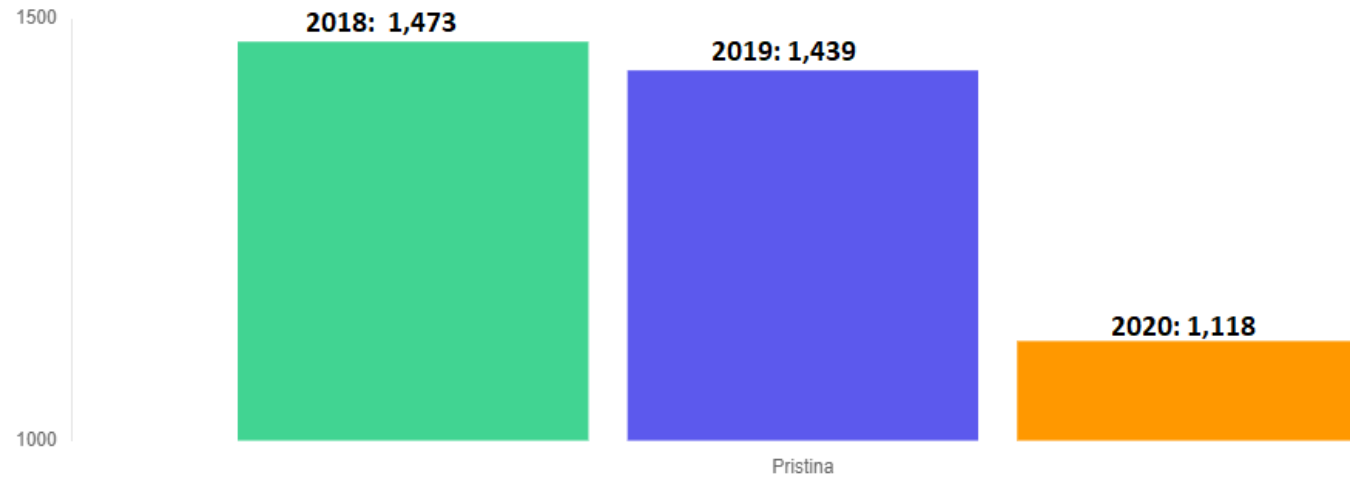
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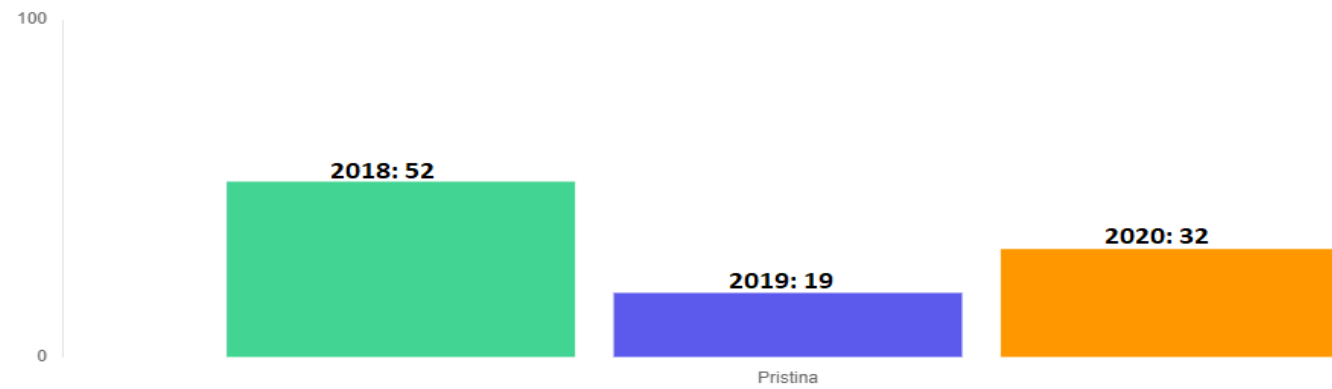
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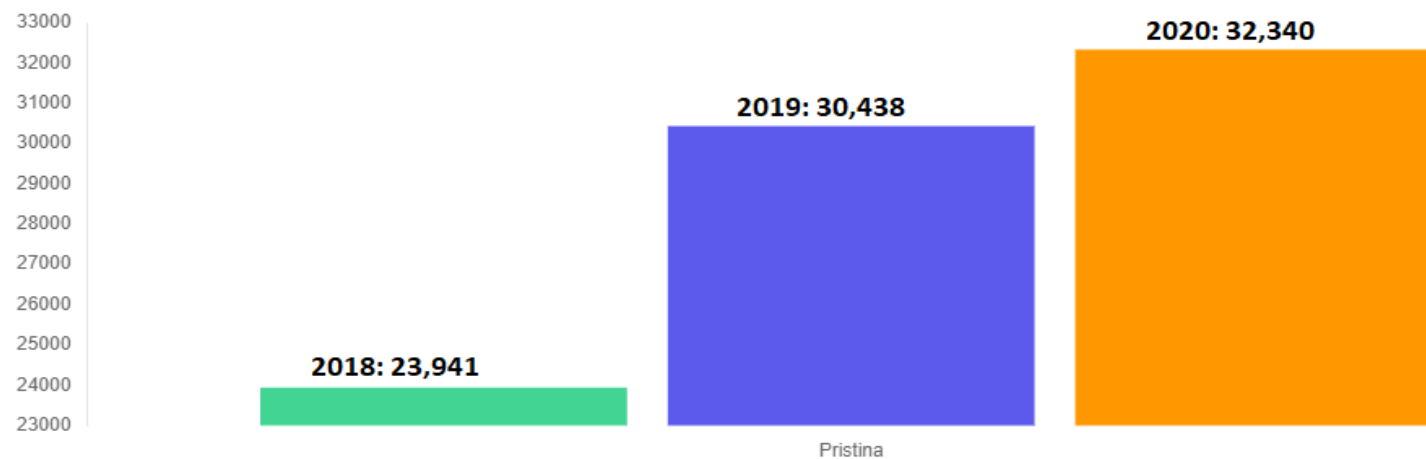


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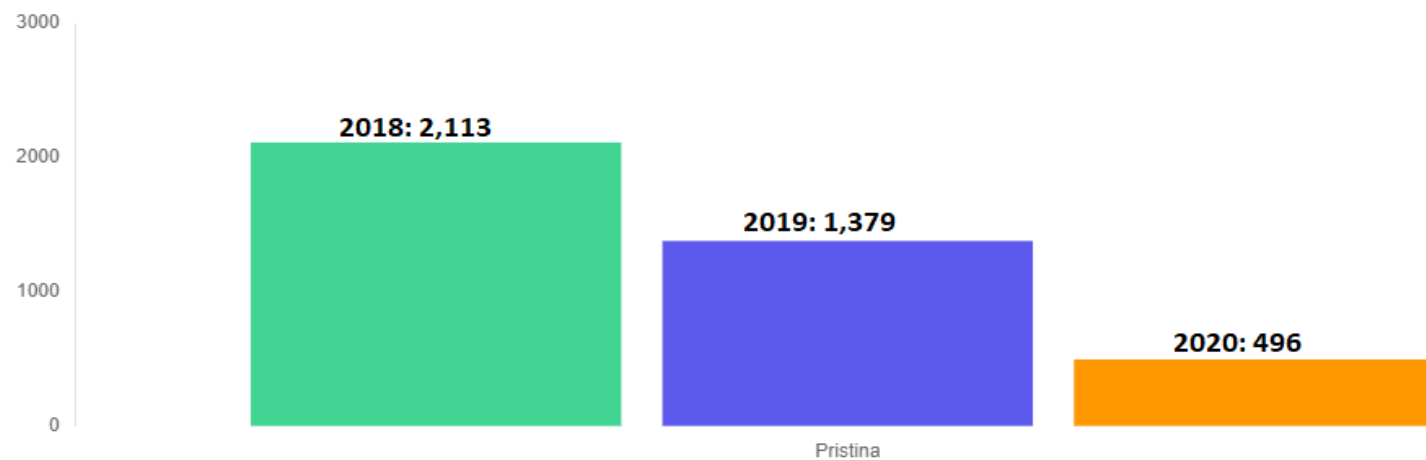


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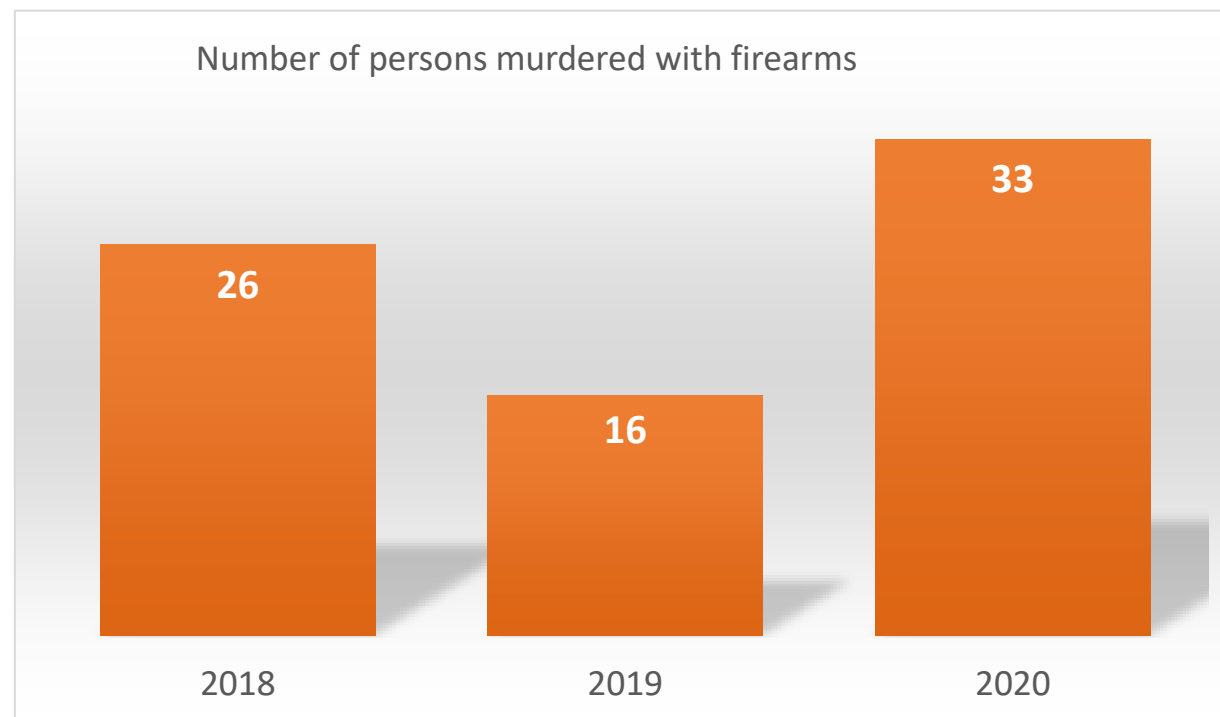
- Majority of incidents are committed with illegal firearms; Incidents with legal weapons were though in rise.
- Armed robberies, public disputes, undetermined shooting saw an increase in 2020. (Ref.AVMP)
- Outreach activities reported targeting private entities/individuals conducted upon request.
- Reduction of firearms and ammunition in illicit possession relying mostly on intelligence work through seizures. No awareness activities reported.
- Neither voluntary surrender nor legalization of firearms were reported in 2020.

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- Higher number of murders and suicides with firearms in the reporting period (18 deaths and 4 suicides)



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.)

Age	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
	W	M	W	M	W	M
18-24	68	70	44	44	46	37
25-34	60	65	58	58	74	62
35-44	69	60	53	52	62	45
45-54	50	63	57	46	69	58
55-64	56	56	48	53	55	55
65 and over	54	59	42	39	35	64
AVERAGE	63		50		55	

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 surpluses or destruction of FAE reported during this period.
- Increased number of inspections and controls reported.
- **107 firearms reported stolen** from private entities (significantly higher than the previous period).
- Weapons/ammunition storages reported to be in line with IATGs.
- Further trainings for inspectors and technical equipment for inspection needed.

IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- COVID-19 and government measures related to both social distancing and restriction of movement, which affected implementation of several planned activities.
- Shift in priorities by government authorities to respond to the crisis, in particular of police services.
- Key staff of several institutions directly affected by COVID-19.
- Political situation – elections and changes in leadership.



THANK YOU