



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)-Sarajevo

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**ROADMAP
IMPLEMENTATION:**

Monitoring & Evaluation
Framework

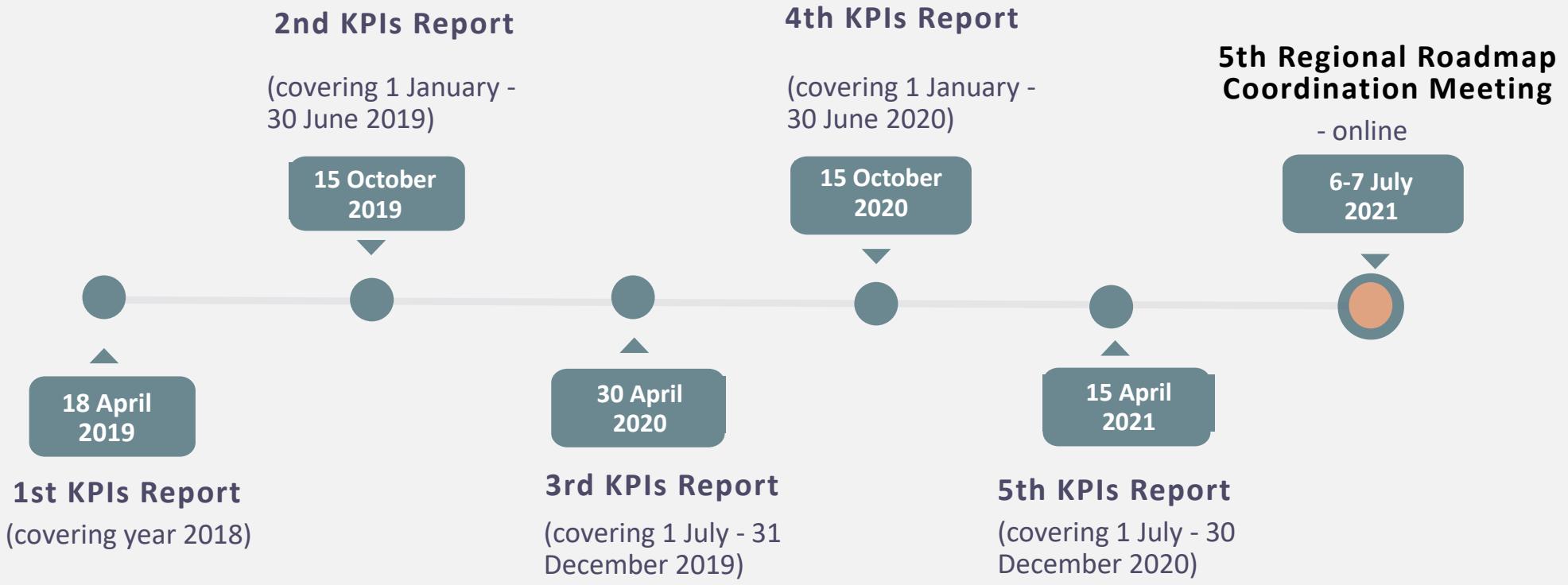
Biannual progress reports documenting the progress, challenges and needs in the Roadmap implementation, against the KPIs and its goals;

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;

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 and ammunition** remain partially or not harmonized, while those on **civil use of explosives** remain not harmonized.
- Process of harmonization of the legal framework on arms control with the EU Acquis continued:
 - Draft Law on weapons of the Una-Sana Canton sent for adoption (adopted in 2021);
- Based on recent UNODC assessment, the four Criminal codes in BiH, are in need of harmonization 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 Board coordinating and monitoring activities under SALW Strategy and Roadmap Action Plan; Work on development of new SALW Strategy (2020-2024) and AP continued during reporting period (adopted in early 2021).
- Extensive gender analysis of legislation and policies relevant for arms control initiated in 2021; The focus is on the analysis of the Brčko District legal framework.
- Firearms focal point/s not yet established; Draft decision on creating a WG for the establishment of the FFP sent for adoption (adopted in 2021).
- Ballistic laboratory of the Republika Srpska Mol not yet accredited; Technical and financial support identified as a need. A new ABIS in place with French Government support.
- A needs assessment of criminal police to be initiated in 2021.

PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 2
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- Use of SIENA reported by Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies, but no single focal point with EUROPOL;
- No direct access reported by Republika Srpska and ITA.
- Data exchange reported through iARMS by Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies; Access to iARMS reported by almost all agencies.
- Participation in the Joint Action Days reported.
- Data collection on distribution and impact of SALW/firearms is not fully standardized and institutionalized.

KPI 3 – Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020
Reported <u>cases</u> during the reporting period	112	152	296
Reported <u>individuals</u> during the reporting period	116	145	314
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	9	11	16
Solved in another way	No data	1*	4*

*Data for I-2019 and I-2020 was not available.

KPI 3	2018	2019	2020
Illegal possession of FAE - cases	112	152	296
Trafficking of FAE - cases	1	6*	0*
Illegal manufacturing of FAE - cases	2	114*	59*
Altering marking of firearms	No data	No data	No data
Other FAE related crimes	16	26	45

*Some data for 2019 and 2020 was partially available.

- No data provided on number of cases and individuals reported on trafficking of FAE or altering marking of firearms!

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.

- Analysis and needs assessment of BiH Customs conducted with support by UNDP BiH and UNODC.
- Better understanding of gaps and capacities in preventing trafficking of firearms, their parts, components and ammunition through postal and fast parcels was also conducted.
- Based on the assessment, eight SOPs developed for tackling the illicit trade of firearms, and one SOP on the detection of firearms in postal and fast parcels.
- Development of a national database on permits for the transport of SALW reported as initiated by Ministry of Security with support by UNDP BiH.

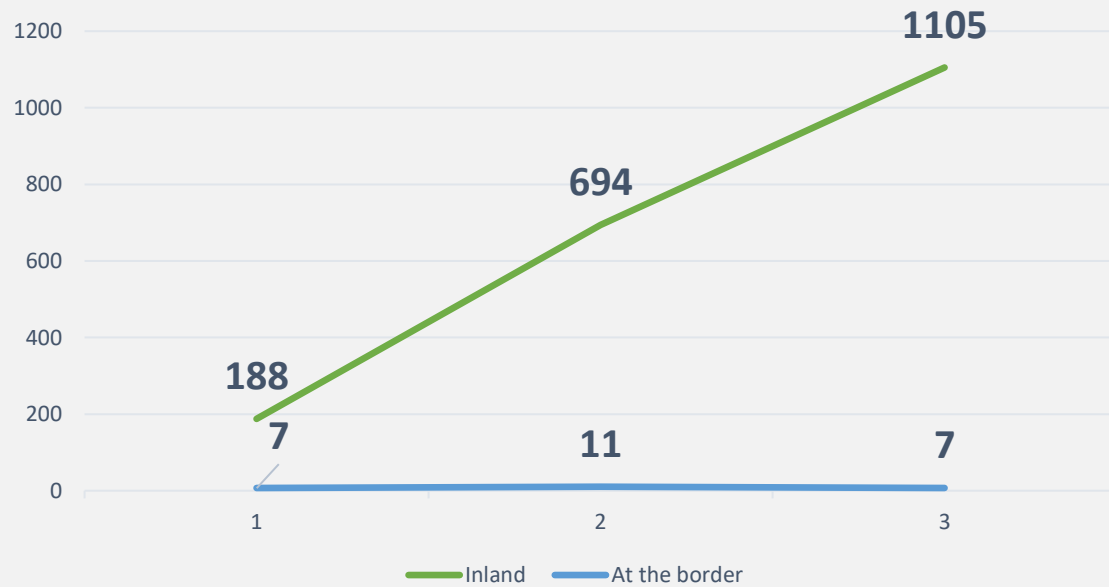
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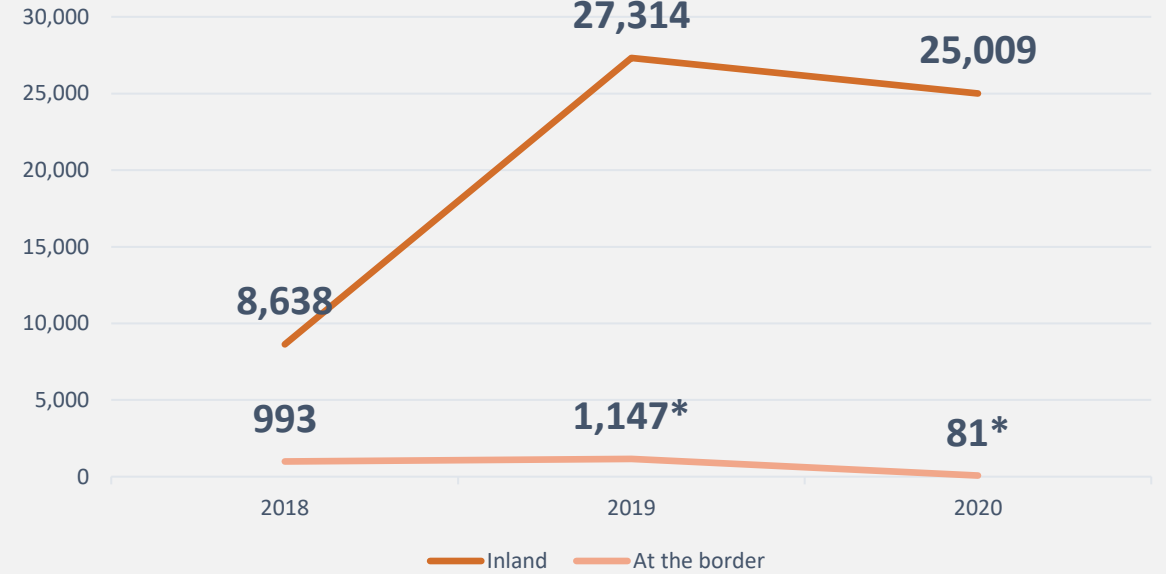
- No cases of diversion of arms exports reported in 2020.
- Operational cooperation with EUROPOL and INTERPOL reported by Border Police, ITA and Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies.
- Inland seizures continue to be significantly higher than those at the borders; Significantly higher number of seized firearms and ammunition inland reported in the last reporting period.

KPI 4

Pieces of seized firearms



Pieces of seized ammunition



*Data for I-2019 and II-2020 was not available.

PROGRESS REPORT –
GOALS 4 & 5
KEY FINDINGS (10 & 11)

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.

- Ad-hoc awareness activities reported at cantonal level through community policing focusing on celebratory shootings, gender-based violence and risks associated with firearms.
- Increased number of firearm incidents reported than in previous report (111/82).
- Increased number of incidents committed with legal firearms during this period (53) than in previous one (35), as well as in 2019.
- Lower number of deaths, injuries and suicides reported in 2020.
- BiH recorded the highest number of incidents in criminal context in the region, especially those related to robberies and organized crime (Ref.AVMP).

KPI 10

	2018	2019	2020
Legal	24	54	88
Illegal	52	101	102
N/A	0	44	3
Total	76	199	193

KPI 10

	Death	Injury	Suicide
2018	7	13	31
2019	29	44	90
2020	27	31	46
Total	63	88	167

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- Increased number of voluntary surrendered firearms and ammunition - 770 firearms and 2,580 pieces of ammunition surrendered.
- High number of deactivated weapons than in previous report (123/14).
- A decrease in number of legalized weapons observed than in 2019 (161/1,608).

**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	57	45	55	67	51	44
25-34	52	53	49	61	35	41
35-44	42	52	46	62	46	50
45-54	54	44	47	55	50	61
55-64	51	28	47	62	48	53
65 and over	47	48	39	51	64	53
AVERAGE	47%		53%		50%	

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 confiscated firearms and ammunition, and surplus of FAE reported in 2020.
- Need for further international support for the destruction of surplus stockpile of SALW and ammunition reported.
- Regular and ad-hoc inspections to legal and private entities dealing with firearms were reported in 2020.
- Loss/theft of firearms and ammunition reported:
 - 6 firearms and 15 pieces of ammunition lost by civilians;
 - 11 firearms and 5 pieces of ammunition stolen from civilians;
 - 1 firearm lost by state institutions.
- Continued infrastructure work on improving safety and security of military storages.



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