

RSSRP

THE REGIONAL SECURITY
SECTOR REFORM PLATFORM

EXPERTISE ON NICHE RULE OF LAW AREAS,
FROM SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS CONTROL
TO GENDER EQUALITY,
FROM THE WESTERN BALKANS TO THE WORLD.



EXAMPLES OF DEPLOYMENTS

- 1 course on gender equality for 15 officers from the armed forces of Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and Rwanda was delivered by 8 RSSRP gender experts working for Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces in the Western Balkans.
- 1 workshop on forensic investigations of crime scenes involving domestic violence and criminal acts against sexual freedom was conducted by 2 RSSRP experts from the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia for their counterparts in Kyrgyzstan.
- The President of the National SALW Commission of Montenegro, who is also an RSSRP expert, shared his experience of working with SEESAC to integrate gender equality in SALW control with senior officials of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia.
- 2 experts from police service in Bosnia and Herzegovina shared their knowledge on how networks can advance gender equality in policing. This experience was used to support the development of an Action Plan coordinated by the Association of Women from Internal Affairs System of the Republic of Moldova and aimed at increasing the number of women in the police forces of the Republic of Moldova.

ABOUT SEESAC

Since 2002, SEESAC has been working to promote **safety and security through regional cooperation** in South East Europe. For a #SaferRegion.

SEESAC uses a **360-degree approach** to providing small arms and light weapons (SALW) control assistance to national counterparts, from 'hands-on' interventions such as destruction of weapons, security upgrades of storages and marking, tracing and record-keeping of weapons to 'soft power' interventions such as awareness-raising campaigns and the integration of the gender perspective in security sector reform processes and evidence-based policy development.

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WHAT IS RSSRP?

RSSRP brings together **top experts working in the Western Balkans** for public institutions such as the police and the military, to work on **niche rule of law areas**. The areas covered range from SALW control policy, including the security of stockpiles of weapons and ammunition, combating illicit firearms trafficking; marking, tracing and registration of firearms, to regional arms exports control, as well as SALW collection and awareness raising campaigns. Expertise is also available on advancing gender equality in the security sector, with a focus on enhancing gender equality within the police and the military, and supporting organizations to **address the security needs of both women and men**.

RSSRP AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Policy development on SALW control and mainstreaming gender in security sector reform,
- Physical security and stockpile management,
- Marking, tracking and registration of SALW,
- SALW collection campaigns,
- Awareness raising campaigns,
- Arms exports control,
- Gender awareness in the military and the police,
- Gender integration in military operations,
- Establishing women's networks in security sector institutions,
- Combating gender based violence,
- Gender disaggregated data collection and analysis.



STRENGTHS

RAPID & TIMELY SUPPORT

a less bureaucratized exchange of experiences and experts

DEMAND DRIVEN

based upon partners' needs and requests

COST EFFECTIVE

capitalizes on the existing expertise of partners in the region

PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGE

availability of experts that have first-hand experience from similar processes in their home contexts

SPECIFIC NEEDS ADDRESSED

availability of recent and concrete experiences

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

understanding of transition processes and sharing similar experiences

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPER

encourages network development and best-practice sharing between institutions

DIALOGUE ENABLER

creating a discussion space that fosters dialogue and stimulates innovation

WHO ARE THE RSSRP EXPERTS?

Drawing upon its **15 years of experience across the Western Balkans** on enhancing security and promoting gender equality, SEESAC developed a **roster of experts** to support RSSRP deployments. Experts are selected based on their proven track records and **hands-on experience** of designing and implementing national policies. The roster currently hosts 71 civil servants, 35 women and 36 men, who are mainly experts in security sector reform, gender equality and SALW control. **SEESAC team experts** are also available to share their knowledge either accompanied by civil servants or on their own. Expertise is mostly shared in English, but it is also available in Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Montenegrin-Serbian, Romanian and Russian.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

For RSSRP deployments, which are continuously available, an email to **SEESAC** at seesac@undp.org stating the requested expertise is needed. Subsequently, **SEESAC identifies the relevant experts**, develops the program of the deployment and arranges the logistics. Expertise through the RSSRP is available at no cost, except for travel-related expenses.