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

Monitoring Framework (3rd Progress Report)

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Coordinated implementation of the Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW/firearms and their ammunition in the Western Balkans:

✓ Formal regional Roadmap coordination meetings focusing on progress and information exchange (2x/year);

✓ Support to local coordination meetings (2x/year);

✓ Biannual M&E reports documenting the progress, challenges and needs in the Roadmap implementation, against the KPIs;

✓ Mid-term evaluation including capacity assessments prepared for the 6 Roadmap beneficiaries by 2021;
KPIs Reporting Framework further consulted and elaborated in consultation with the SALW Commissions in March 2020.

Web-platform established allowing simultaneous uploading of data under each KPI and providing various levels of access.

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 will be shared with the EU, other donors, regional and international partners.
KEY MILESTONES

1st KPIs Report – (covering year 2018).


3rd Regional Roadmap Meeting – online

4th Regional Roadmap Meeting – Skopje
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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 Commission is active and in charge of coordinating and monitoring of activities within the SALW control strategy (2019-2024);

• Firearms Focal Point established and operational in 2019; collecting and producing regular analytic reports; Linking of databases (criminal, ballistic intelligence, weapons registry) still pending.

• Direct access to and regular use of EUROPOL’s SIENA; INTERPOL’s iARMS data input reported;

• Ballistic laboratory not accredited yet; Support initiated in 2019 and accreditation procedures initiated.

• Reported cases of illegal possession of FAE much higher than those for trafficking. (479/13 firearms in 2019);

• Case Management established on data exchange among law enforcement and criminal justice system but not specific for FAE;

• Need for support expressed in facilitating the registration process of firearms in legal possession.
PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 3
KEY FINDINGS (KPI4,6,9)

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

- In the reporting period, continuous trend of higher number of seized firearms inland to those at the border (464 vs 4); Seized firearms inland and at the border in 2019 lower than 2018 (514/464 and 22/4).

- Assessment of border and criminal police capacities as well as assessment of K9 capacities reported in 2019;

- Operational cooperation with Europol, cooperation with EMPACT (participation in JADs in 2019); increased cooperation with FRONTEX.

- No identified cases of diversion of arms exports during the reporting period;

- Regular attendance on regional processes and workshops during 2019 (including SEEFEN, SEEFEG, EMPACT workshops)

- Data collection for Global Firearms Study reported.
PROGRESS REPORT – GOALS 4&5
KEY FINDINGS (KPI 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.

- Majority of incidents committed with illegal firearms (202/19); Data reported disaggregated by gender and age;

- Awareness activities conducted through community policing, targeting youth;

- No ongoing voluntary surrender and legalization during the reporting period targeting civilians;

- Need for support expressed on awareness among civilian population related to misuse and illegal possession of firearms.
## PROGRESS REPORT – GOAL 6
### KEY FINDINGS (KPI 12)

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• No destruction of surplus SALW/firearms and ammunition reported in the reporting period;

• Strengthened inspection systems and regular inspections reported for private legal entities; (shops, shooting ranges, security companies, individuals).

• Progress related to security and safety of SALW and ammunition storages of both army and police in at least 3 storages;

• Need for further support expressed in increasing the security of the evidence rooms.

• 13 cases of lost/stolen of firearms during the reporting period;

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.
KPI 14 - Percentage of citizens satisfaction (disaggregated by age and gender) or feeling of safety on armed violence across the Western Balkans.

- **Western Balkans**: 14% feel very threatened, 32% feel threatened, 54% do not feel threatened at all.
- **Serbia**: 6% feel very threatened, 25% feel threatened, 69% do not feel threatened at all.
- **Montenegro**: 15% feel very threatened, 27% feel threatened, 59% do not feel threatened at all.
- **Republic of North Macedonia**: 12% feel very threatened, 39% feel threatened, 49% do not feel threatened at all.
- **Kosovo**
  - **I feel very threatened**: 17%
  - **I feel threatened**: 34%
  - **I do not feel threatened at all**: 50%
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: 22% feel very threatened, 31% feel threatened, 47% do not feel threatened at all.
- **Albania**: 13% feel very threatened, 38% feel threatened, 49% do not feel threatened at all.
THANK YOU