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ROADMAP

FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION,
MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024

6th REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

1–2 DECEMBER 2021

Hybrid Setup (Online via Zoom)

DAY 1 – Wednesday, 1 December 2021

08:30 – 09:00

Access to the online platform. Link to access the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84411111111>

09:00 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks by:

- *H.E. Marjolijn van Deelen, EU Special Envoy for Non-proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service*
- *H.E. Jean-Claude Brunet, Ambassador-at-large on transitional criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of SALW, France*
- *Mr. Albrecht von Wittke, Director of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany*
- *Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub*
- *Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council*

Chair: *Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC*

09:45 – 10:10 SESSION I – 6th REGIONAL ROADMAP PROGRESS REPORT – KEY FINDINGS

- *6th Regional Roadmap Progress Report/Key findings on Roadmap implementation based on KPIs and Roadmap Goals – Presentation by Ms. Juliana Buzi, Regional Cooperation Specialist, SEESAC (25 mins).*

Chair: *Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC*

10:10 – 11:30 SESSION II – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 1 & 2 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 1&2 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans – Briefings by SALW Commissions (7 mins per briefing/update).

Updates will focus on the implementation status, actions taken during the reporting period and plans on:

- o *Adopting legal framework on the civilian and military use of firearms, ammunition and explosives aiming further harmonization with the EU Acquis;*
- o *Compliance of legal framework related to firearms, ammunition and explosives with UN Firearms Protocol;*
- o *Development of new strategies/action plans on arms control/Roadmap implementation (where relevant);*
- o *Integration of gender perspective into legal and policy framework;*
- o **Support** identified and required.

Questions & Answers

GOAL 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.

GOAL 2

By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based ...

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Alain Lapon, Chief Technical Adviser, SEESAC

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:45 SESSION III – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 2 (Cont.) & 3 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 2 (Cont.) & 3 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans – Briefings by SALW Commissions (10 mins per briefing/update, including any intervention from Prosecution Offices).

Updates should focus on the implementation status, actions taken during the reporting period and plans on:

- o *Strengthening the capacities of the Firearms Focal Points;*
- o *Strengthening of investigation capacities (including those for forensic examination) for firearm related crimes;*
- o *Preventing and countering trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;*
- o *Bilateral, regional and international operational cooperation on firearm related crimes;*
- o *Number of **cases of firearm related crimes reported** and those **prosecuted and adjudicated** related to illicit manufacturing, trafficking, illicit possession and altering of markings;*
- o **Support** identified and required.

Questions & Answers

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to any discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Slobodan Bošković, Project Officer, Conflict Prevention Centre/FSC Support Section, OSCE

13:45 – 14:00 Conclusion of Day 1

GOAL 2

By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are.... and intelligence led.

GOAL 3

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

DAY 2 – Thursday, 2 December 2021

09:00 – 10:15

SESSION IV – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 4 & 5 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

GOAL 4
By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

- Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 4&5 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans – Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing/update).
Updates should focus on the implementation status, actions taken during the reporting period and plans on:
 - o *Awareness and outreach among licensed private and legal entities, including FAE producers;*
 - o *Increasing awareness among general population, of the danger of misuse and illicit possession of FAE;*
 - o *Any legal measures taken allowing for voluntary surrender and/or legalization of firearms;*
 - o *Deactivation as a tool to reduce illegal possession of firearms;*
 - o *Support identified and required.*

Questions & Answers

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Edin Serezlic, Joint Programme Coordinator, UNDP

10:15 – 11:30

SESSION V – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 6 & 7 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

GOAL 6
Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.

- Updates on status of implementation of Goal 6&7 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans - Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing/update)
Updates should focus on the implementation status, actions taken during the reporting period and plans on:
 - o *Surplus and confiscated firearms, ammunition and explosives as well as activities related to their destruction;*
 - o *Improving the security infrastructure of armed forces and law enforcement SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities;*
 - o *Overseeing firearms and ammunition stocks of legal entities and individuals in legal possession of firearms;*
 - o *Support identified and required.*

Questions & Answers

Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Ermin Pešto, Assistant Minister of Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina

GOAL 7
Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 12:50 **SESSION VI – FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP**

- Update on funding mechanisms and donor support through these mechanisms in support of the implementation of the Roadmap (OSCE, NATO and UN);
- Updates by donors on current or new planned funding.

Chair: Ms. Jorida Shytaj, Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

12:50 – 13:00 **Conclusions of the Meeting**

Mr. Emmanuel Vallens, Policy Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission