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

Monitoring Framework
(6th Progress Report)

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**ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION:**

**Monitoring & Evaluating Platform**

**Biannual progress reports**

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

**SALW Commissions**

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**

SEESAC is integrating the data into a regional report that is shared regularly with the EU, other donors, regional and international partners;

**EU COUNCIL**

Supported through the EU Council Decision 2018/1788.
**KEY DATES**

- **1st** KPIs Report
  - 18 April 2019
  - Covering year 2018

- **2nd** KPIs Report
  - 15 October 2019
  - Covering 1 January – 30 June 2019

- **3rd** KPIs Report
  - 30 April 2020
  - Covering 1 January – 31 December 2019

- **4th** KPIs Report
  - 15 October 2020
  - Covering 1 January – 30 June 2020

- **5th** KPIs Report
  - 15 April 2021
  - Covering 1 January – 30 June 2020

- **6th** KPIs Report
  - 1 October 2021
  - Covering 1 July – 30 June 2021

- **6th Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting**
  - 1-2 December 2021
  - Online
• Provide a better understanding of capacities developed to implement the actions covered by the functional areas of the Roadmap;

• Review progress by the six beneficiaries in the implementation of the Roadmap Goals and identify remaining gaps;

• To be initiated in early 2022.
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, ammunition and explosives remain partially or not harmonized. Full harmonization of laws related to military use of FAE.

- Activities on harmonization of legislation with the EU Acquis reported as ongoing:
  - Amendments to the Law on weapons and ammunition and draft the Law on explosives pending adoption in 2021.
  - Rulebook on the layout of records kept by the Agency for Testing, Stamping and Marking of Weapons, Devices and Ammunition adopted;
  - Decision on the establishment of the National Control List of Dual-Use Goods adopted.

- Need for support in regulating the field of explosive precursors reported.

- Drafting amendments to the Criminal Code and criminal procedure Code ongoing.
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.

- **SALW Coordination Council** in place, coordinating and monitoring activities under SALW Strategy and Roadmap Action Plan.

- **Evaluation of current Action Plan and drafting of new one** is ongoing.

- Standardization and institutionalization of data collection for law enforcement authorities continues to be reported as a challenge.

- Gender analysis of regulatory framework on prevention of the use of firearms in domestic violence completed.
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.

- **FFP established** and engaged in collecting, analysing, distributing, and exchanging data on firearms. Ongoing work reported on its full operationalization.

- **CSI capacities enhanced** through procurement of equipment, development of SOPs and provision of relevant training.

- **Ballistic examination capacities** improved through procurement and instalment of equipment. Accreditation of the lab ongoing.
• Needs assessment of criminal police to be initiated in second half of 2021.

• Regular use and exchange of information through SIENA and iARMS reported.

• Participation in intelligence phase of Joint Action Days (JAD) reported.

• No unified information exchange system in place between police, prosecutor’s office and court.
### KPI 3

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<th>Illegal possession of FAE</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<td>Reported <strong>individuals</strong> during the reporting period</td>
<td>1,685</td>
<td>1,366</td>
<td>1,307</td>
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<td>Solved with conviction (adjudicated)</td>
<td>869</td>
<td>920</td>
<td>877</td>
<td>406</td>
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<td>Solved in another way</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>208</td>
<td>359</td>
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*No data on cases and individuals related to trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes.*
## KPI 8

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<th>Other FAE related crimes</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>Number of FAE related incidents recorded by the police</td>
<td>5,310</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>166</td>
<td>125</td>
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<td>FAE cases processed by the misdemeanor judge</td>
<td>5,249</td>
<td>3,171</td>
<td>2,557</td>
<td>3,177</td>
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<td>FAE cases solved by the misdemeanor judge</td>
<td>3,855</td>
<td>1,506</td>
<td>1,317</td>
<td>1,380</td>
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<td>Number of FAE cases dropped by the prosecutor</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>233</td>
<td>355</td>
<td>221</td>
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<td>Number of FAE cases dropped by the judge/pretrial judge</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>6</td>
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*Data coming from prosecution and courts was partially available for II-2019 and I-2020.*
GOAL 3
PROGRESS REPORT
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

- Continued cooperation in countering trafficking of firearms with INTERPOL, EUROPOL and FRONTEX reported.
- Cooperation with OSCE on strengthening K-9 capabilities in detecting weapons and explosives.
- Assessment of border police capacities completed; Support with development of SoPs training, equipment to be initiated.
- Assessment of arms trafficking through postal and courier shipments to be initiated.
- Joint Action Day (JAD) Coordinator appointed; Participation to training, operational and information sharing workshops reported.
- No cases of diversion of arms exports reported.
- A high number of seizures of firearms and ammunition reported in I-2021.
KPI 4
Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)

Inland:
- 2018: 1,761
- 2019: 1,688
- 2020: 1,555
- 2021: 714

At the border:
- 2018: 27
- 2019: 23
- 2020: 20
- 2021: 22
KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>2,919</td>
<td>5,304</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>6,069</td>
<td>3,349</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>30,949</td>
<td>41,453</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>30,851</td>
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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.

- **Limited activities** related to awareness raising, outreach and education reported.

- Support planned by the OSCE in designing and implementing awareness raising activities as of Q3 2021.

- **Firearms in legal possession** reported as voluntary surrendered; High number of *confiscated firearms* reported.

- **Higher number of deactivated firearms** reported (147 v 115).

- **Re-registration of firearms** reported as ongoing, with deadline extended until 5 March 2022.
• Increased number of firearm incidents since the previous report;
• More incidents committed with legal than illegal firearms.
• Lower number of deaths, but high number of injuries and suicides reported.
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 surplus ammunition and explosives** reported.

- **Regular inspections of legal and private entities** reported.

- **High number of firearms reported lost/stolen**, primarily from civilians (1,305 reported in I-2021).

- **Continued work on increasing security infrastructure** of MoI’s storage location and evidence rooms.
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