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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**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


2019
18 April
Covering year 2018

2019
15 October
covering 1 January – 30 June 2019

2020
30 April
covering 1 July – 31 December 2019

2020
15 October
covering 1 January – 30 June 2020

2021
15 April
covering 1 January – 30 June 2021

2021
1 October
covering 1 January – 30 June 2021

6th Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting
- online

1-2 December 2021
• 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 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 reported as partially or not harmonized.

- Activities on harmonization of legislation with the EU Acquis reported as ongoing:
  - Amendments to the Law on weapons pending adoption;
  - Law on production and control of the production of firearms, ammunition and explosives under preparation;
  - Initiation of amendments to the Law on explosives announced;

- Cooperation with UNODC regarding amendments to the Criminal Code reported as ongoing.
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.

- SALW Commission in place coordinating and monitoring the SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2024);
- A gender screening of legal and policy framework on FAE finalized;
- **Firearms Focal Point** established and operational in data collection and analysis, preparation of intelligence reports on firearms related crimes;
- Accreditation of the ballistic laboratory in process; strengthening of capacities on the custody chain and CSI in detection and trafficking of explosives ongoing.
- Regular exchange of information through Interpol’s iARMS and Europol’s SIENA reported;
- JAD Coordinator appointed and participated in the intelligence phase of JAD 2021;
- No unified information exchange system in place between police, prosecutor’s office and courts; **Limited** data on KPI 3 and KPI 8.
- No cases of trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes reported.

### KPI 3

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GOAL 3
PROGRESS REPORT
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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- Needs assessment of the border police; development of SOPs for border in process;

- **Improved detection capacities** with OSCE support; **Initiation of needs assessment of the Criminal Police** reported;

- Continued operational cooperation with Europol, Interpol and WB jurisdictions; **Use of tools offered by Europol and EMPACT reported**;

- No reported cases of diversion from legal trade of arms and ammunition.
KPI 4
Cases of seized FAE

Inland

At the border

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KPI 4
Pieces of seized firearms

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KPI 4
Pieces of seized ammunition

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<td>9,403</td>
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<td>2,156</td>
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Inland: 2018-2021
At the border: 2018-2021
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 awareness raising activities continues to be reported;

- **Need for support** in implementing activities targeting weapons producers, sellers and other licensed entities continues to be reported;

- Low **number** of voluntary surrendered **firearms** and **ammunition** reported;

- No legalization of firearms reported since 2018;

- No firearms deactivated in I-2021; Pending adoption of amendments to the Law on weapons.
• Increase in the number of incidents with **legal firearms** observed in I-2021;
• Higher number of injuries reported than in previous report.

• The number of suicides has significantly decreased since 2018.
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.

- No destruction of confiscated or surpluses of firearms and ammunition reported; Continued disposal of unexploded ordnance;

- Inspection of relevant legal entities reported, but not on a continuous basis;

- **15 firearms** in civilian possession reported as lost – significant increase compared to II-2020;

- Ongoing work related to improving security infrastructure of **one storage and three evidences rooms** of law enforcement.
THANK YOU