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

1st
KPIs Report
Covering year 2018

2nd
KPIs Report
covering 1 January – 30 June 2019

3rd
KPIs Report
covering 1 January – 31 December 2019

4th
KPIs Report
covering 1 January – 30 June 2020

5th
KPIs Report
covering 1 July – 30 December 2020

6th
KPIs Report
covering 1 January – 30 June 2021

2020
KPIs Report
covering 1 January – 30 June 2021

2021
KPIs Report
covering 1 July – 30 December 2020

1-2 December

6th Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting
- 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.
• Main laws on firearms, ammunition and explosives remain partially harmonized.

• Work continued on harmonization of arms control legislation:
  - Draft Law on Development, Production and Trade in Military Goods was sent in the parliamentary procedure;
  - Drafting of Law on explosive materials (including pyrotechnics) continued in I-2021;
  - Advisory meetings organized on revision of the Law on weapons.

• Cooperation with UNODC regarding amendments to the Criminal Code reported as ongoing.

• Trainings and experts support in deactivation and categorization of weapons still identified as a need.
GOAL 2
PROGRESS REPORT
(KPI 2, 3, 7 & 8)

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

• SALW Commission is in place and in charge of coordination and monitoring of SALW Control Strategy (2017-2021):
  - Continued activities related to development of new SALW Strategy and AP (2022-2025) with SEESAC’s support;
  - Process of supporting increased operational capacity of national SALW Commission continued with OSCE’s support;

• Analysis on gender screening of legal framework on FAE completed and presented to the SALW Commission; Several recommendations included in the new SALW Strategy and AP.
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are intelligence-led.

- **Firearms Focal Point** (FFP) is established but not fully operational; connection of databases yet to be completed.

- Participation to training, operational and information sharing workshops reported.

- New Police Information System (MEIDA) currently under development.

- Direct access and use of INTERPOL’s iARMS and EUROPOL’s SIENA.

- JAD coordinator appointed and participation in the joint operation “CONVERSUS” reported.

- Ballistic Laboratory accredited for 2 methods; Transition to ISO 17025:2017 standard is still in progress.

- No unified information exchange system in place between police, prosecutor’s office and courts; **Partial** provision of data on KPI 3 and KPI 8.
# KPI 3

*Data was not available in I-2019.

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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.

- Assessment of border police capacities completed; Assessment of arms trafficking through postal and courier shipments to be initiated.
- Strengthening the capacities of the MoI for detection of SALW and K9.
- A significant increase of seizures of firearms and ammunition was observed in I-2021.
- Engagement and operational cooperation with EUROPOL and INTERPOL reported.
- No cases of diversion of arms exports were reported; no production of firearms.
- Strengthened capacities for preventing the online and offline illicit trade of firearms.
KPI 4
Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)

Inland
At the border
KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)

- 2018: 5,378 (Inland)
- 2019: 5,056 (At the border)
- 2020: 7,166 (At the border)
- 2021 (1-2021): 17,027 (At the border)
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 number** of activities on awareness raising, outreach and education;
  - Lower number reported compared to previous report.

- Data on firearm incidents reported for the first time; In majority of incidents status of possession of firearm is not available.

*No data available for II-2020.*
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By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

- **No legal basis** for legalization and voluntary surrender of weapons in illegal possession.

- **Voluntary surrender** of weapons and ammunition in legal possession reported:
  - Support identified in developing and conducting outreach activities on voluntary surrender of weapons in legal possession.

- No deactivation conducted during the reporting period:
  - Support identified in conducting awareness raising activities on deactivation.

- Reduction of firearms and ammunition in illegal possession is relying primarily on intelligence work through seizures.
GOALS 6&7

PROGRESS REPORT
(KPI 12 & 13)

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 surpluses or confiscated FAE were reported during the reporting period.

• Lower number of inspections of legal entities reported, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

• 29 firearms and 496 pieces of ammunition were reported as stolen or lost by private entities and civilians.

• WG established at the MoI to oversee activities related to storage and security of service firearms and ammunition.
THANK YOU