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
2nd KPIs Report
3rd KPIs Report
4th KPIs Report
5th KPIs Report
6th KPIs Report

2019
18 April
Covering year 2018
covering 1 January – 30 June 2019
2019
15 October

2020
30 April
covering 1 January – 31 December 2019
2020
15 October
covering 1 January – 30 June 2020
2021
15 April
covering 1 January – 30 December 2020
2021
1 October
covering 1 January – 30 June 2021

6th Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting
- online

1-2 December
• 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 **partially harmonized**.

- A number of activities on harmonization of legislation with the EU Acquis reported as ongoing:
  - Key laws regulating the control of firearms, supervision of explosives for civil use and supervision of pyrotechnic articles adopted;
  - Several bylaws in support of the recently amended Law on weapons were adopted;
  - Continued work on drafting amendments to the rest of bylaws reported including on firearms manufacturing, deactivation and repair also reported;

- Analysis of legal framework shows some degree of harmonization with the UN Firearms Protocol.
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.

**GOAL 2**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

(KPI 2, 3, 7 & 8)


- **Gender analysis** of legislation and policies relevant for arms control **finalized**.
By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.

**GOAL 2**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

(KPI 2, 3, 7 & 8)

- **FFP established** and engaged in collecting, analyzing, distributing, and exchanging data on firearms.

- Regular use of *Europol’s SIENA* and *Interpol’s iARMS* reported.

- **Forensic capacities** of the State Police enhanced through procurement of equipment, development of SOPs and provision of relevant training.

- **Ballistic examination** improved through procurement and instalment of equipment. Accreditation of the ballistic lab is ongoing.

- **Needs assessment of criminal police** initiated in June 2021.

- **Unified system of data recording** between law enforcement agencies, prosecution and judiciary yet not operational; Reflected in data provided under KPI 3 and KPI 8.
### Illegal possession of FAE

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

**GOAL 3**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

*KPI 4, 6 & 9*

- **SoPs for Border Police** finalized and pending approval, procurement of equipment initiated.

- Assessment of arms trafficking through postal and courier shipments to be initiated and of K9 capacities;

- Continued cooperation with EUROPOL, INTERPOL and FRONTEX reported.

- JAD Coordinator appointed and participation to the intelligence phase of “CONVERSUS” operation

- Increased number of firearms and ammunition seized inland and at the borders reported.

- **No cases of diversion** of arms exports reported.
KPI 4
Cases of seized FAE

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KPI 4

Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)

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KPI 4
Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)

- 0 indicates the number of ammunition seized inland in 2018.
GOALS 4&5
PROGRESS REPORT
(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.

- No activities reported on outreach, awareness raising and education.

- No firearms or ammunition voluntary surrendered neither legalization conducted.

- Deactivation of firearms not reported since 2018; Legal basis recently established.

- Reduction of firearms and ammunition in illicit possession is relying for the moment mostly on intelligence work through seizures.

- Re-registration process of hunting weapons continues even though in slow pace.
- **Decrease** in the number of incidents since previous report.

- Majority of incidents continues to be committed **with illegal firearms**.

![Graph showing decrease in incidents since previous report with majority committed with illegal firearms.](image)
KPI 10

- **Increase of deaths** since previous report.
- **Decrease of suicides** since previous report.
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.

**GOALS 6&7**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

(KPI 12 & 13)

- **Destruction of confiscated firearms** planned for II-2021.

- **Disposal of surplus ammunition** collected in unexploded ordnance hotspots reported.

- **Limited number of inspections** of private and legal entities; **Low number of firearms** reported stolen.

- **Ongoing work** reported on improving security infrastructure of storages and evidence rooms for both armed forces and law enforcement.
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