

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

Monitoring Framework

(11th Progress Report)

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ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION:

Monitoring & Coordination
Platform



Biannual progress reports

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

Starting from 2024, the KPIs Report is submitted annually, while the Roadmap narrative reports continued to be submitted every six months;

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 Decisions 2018/1788 and 2022/2321.

KEY DATES



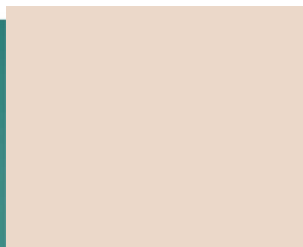
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1 July – 31 December 2023 – Narrative report

1 January – 31 December 2023 – KPIs report

11th Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting

9-10 July 2024, Podgorica



GOAL 3 OVERALL TARGETS

1. Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.
2. Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.
3. Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.
4. Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.





GOAL 1

PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 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.

- Main laws on **civil use of firearms and ammunition** remain partially harmonized:
 - Working group for drafting the **Law on Weapons** was established;
 - Draft **Law on Explosives** finalized, to be adopted by end 2024;
 - No legal framework on **explosive precursors**.
- Legal framework on **military use of FAE** reported as fully harmonized with the EU Acquis;
- Work on drafting **Amendments to the Criminal Code** in progress.



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 and intelligence-led.

- **SALW Coordination Council** coordinating and monitoring activities under SALW Strategy (2019-2024);
 - Evaluation of the Strategy was initiated.
- **FFP** established and to be fully operational soon;
- Accreditation process of the **Ballistic laboratory** was completed in November 2023;
- Regular use and exchange of information through **SIENA** and **iARMS** reported.
- Assessment of capacities of criminal police conducted; SOPs developed; Procurement of equipment finalized.
- Participation in the intelligence phase of **JAD** was reported, as well as in the operation **ARMSTRONG**;
- **Standardization and institutionalization of data collection and exchange** for law enforcement authorities remains a challenge.

KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Reported cases during the reporting period	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>
Reported individuals during the reporting period	1,685	1,366	1,307	1,540	1,293	1,296
Dismissed charges against individuals	492	482	355	372	236	257
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	869	920	877	920	542	916
Solved in another way	363	208	359	135	24	0

• *No data on cases and individuals related to trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes.*



GOAL 3

PROGRESS REPORT

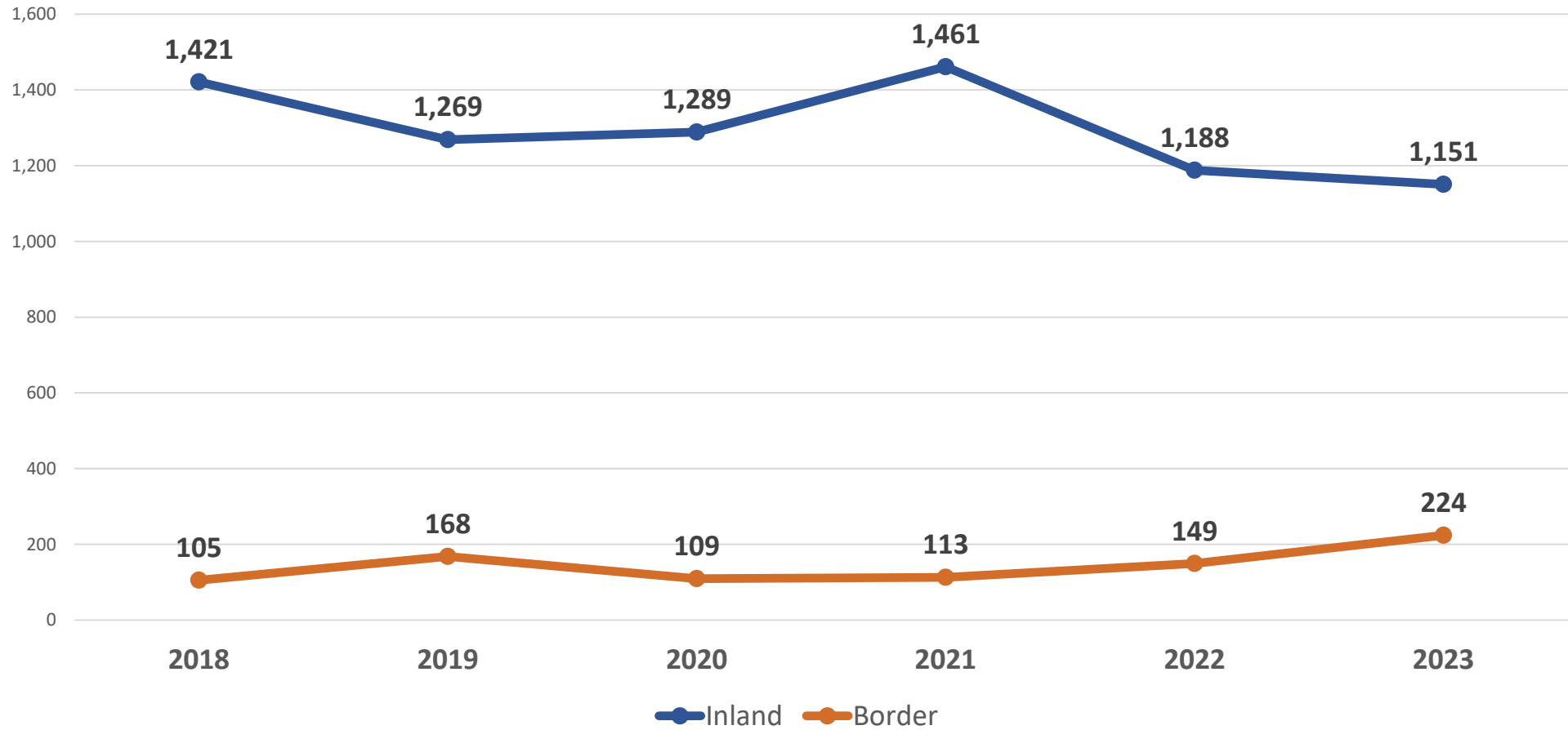
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

- Support to **border police** and **customs**:
 - **SOPs to counter illicit arms trafficking developed**, most of the **equipment** delivered;
 - Strengthening **K-9 capabilities** in detecting weapons and explosives ongoing.
- **No cases of diversion** of arms exports were reported.
- Continued cooperation in countering trafficking of firearms with **INTERPOL, EUROPOL, EUROJUST** and **FRONTEX** reported;
- A higher number of **seizures** took place inland compared to those at the border.

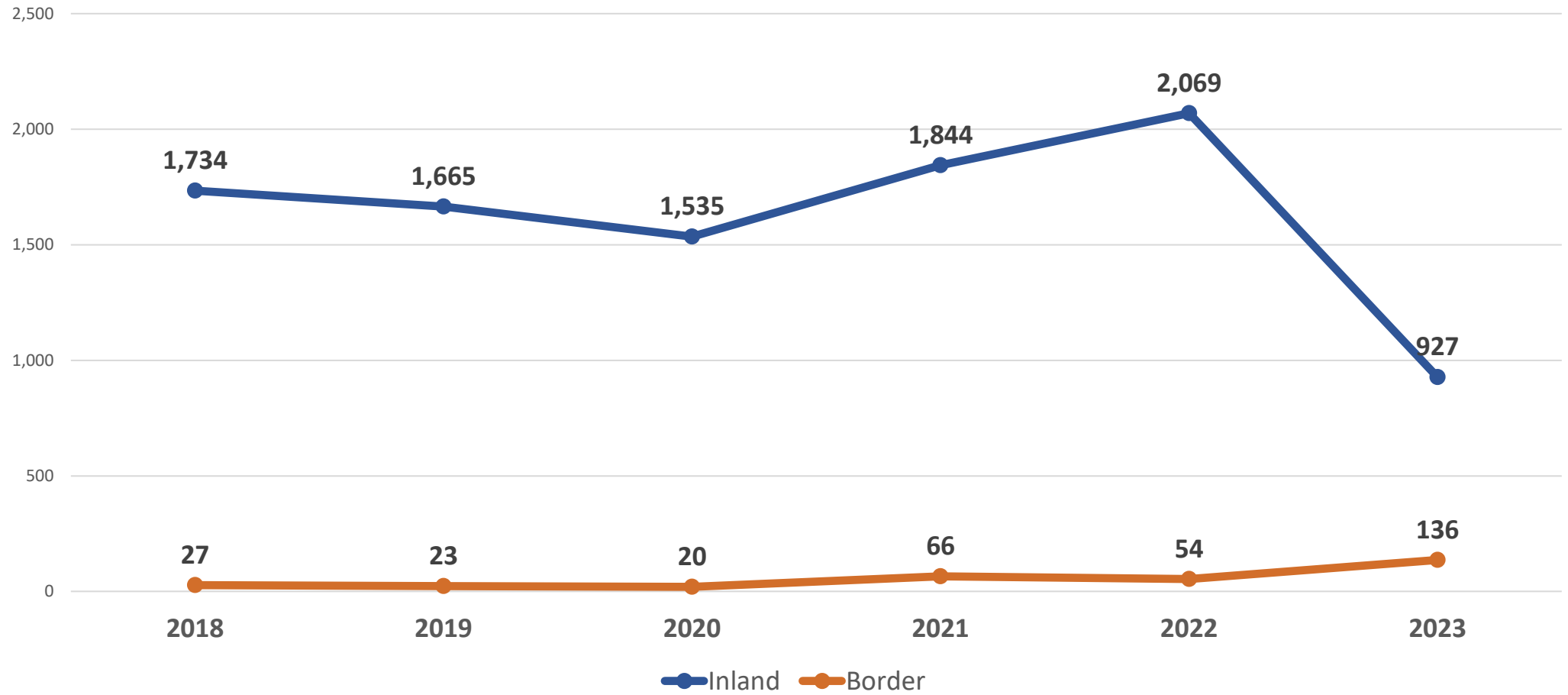
KPI 4

Cases of seized FAE



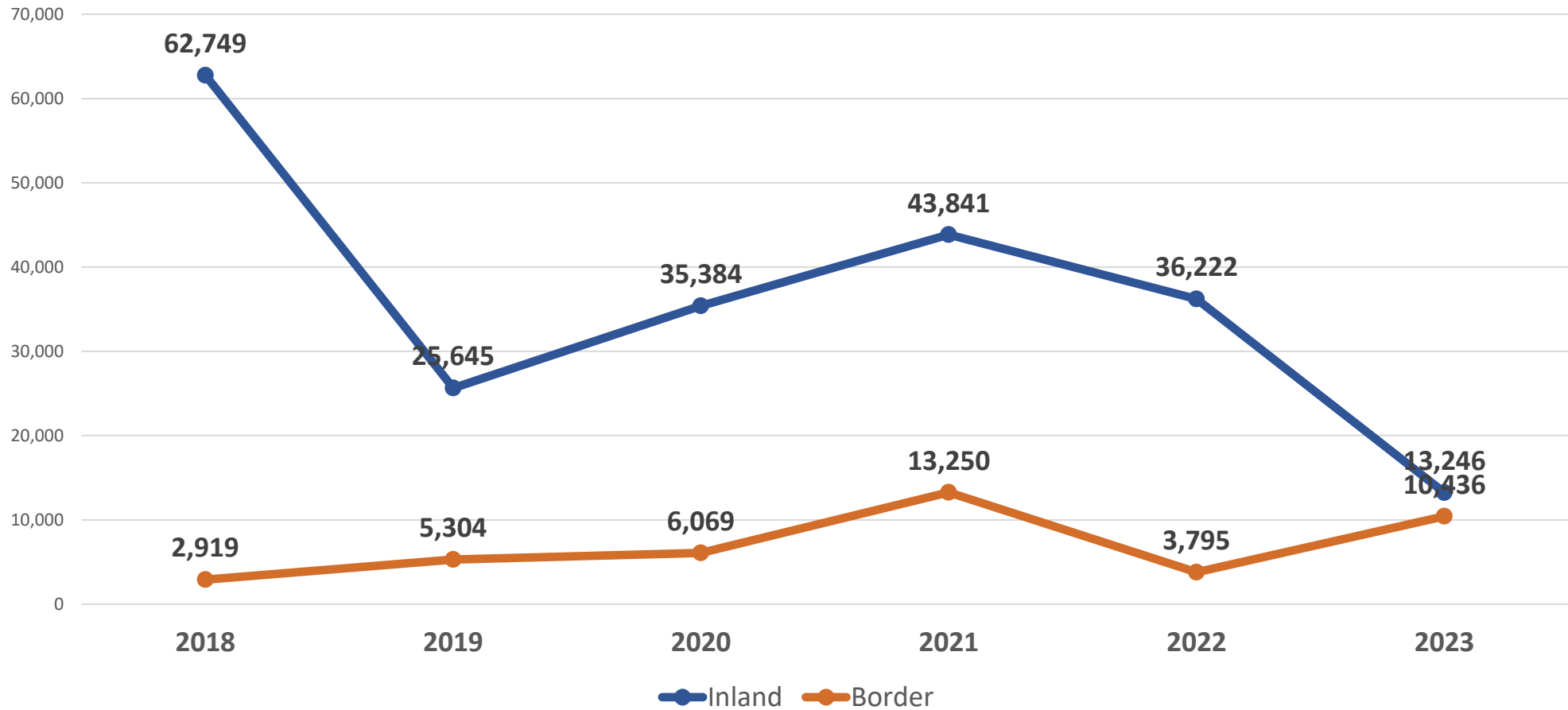
KPI 4

Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)



KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)





GOALS 4&5

PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 10 & 11)

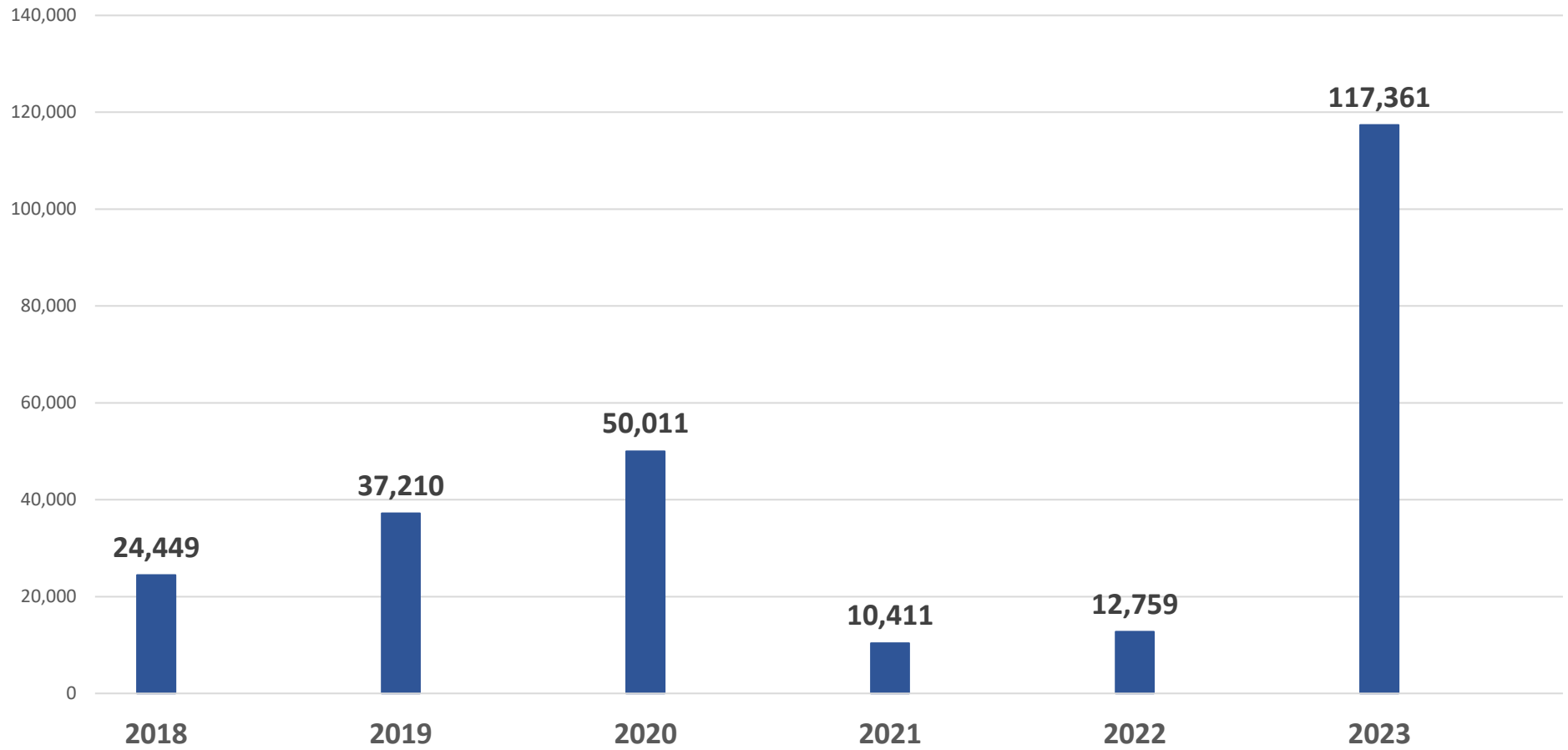
By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

- Activities related to **awareness raising, outreach and education** on the dangers and risks related to the misuse, illicit possession, and trafficking of firearms/SALW were ongoing during the reporting period;
- Reduction of illicit firearms through **voluntary surrender and deactivation** continued;
 - 117,361 pieces of firearms/SALW and 4,167,614 pieces of ammunition were **voluntary surrendered**;
 - 1,114 pieces of registered weapons were **deactivated**;

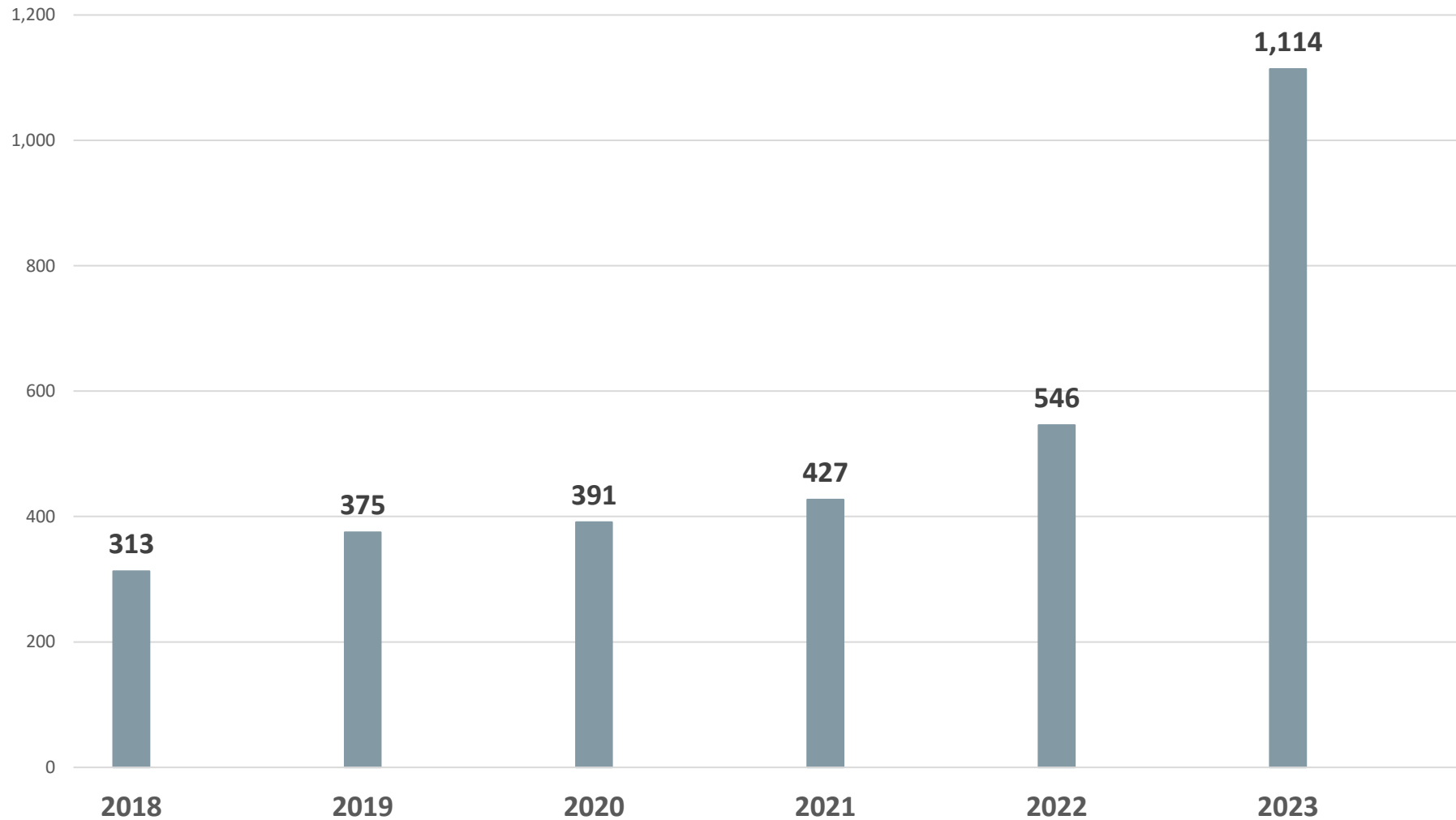
KPI 11

Number of voluntarily surrendered firearms



KPI 11

Number of firearms deactivated





GOALS 4&5

PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 10 & 11)

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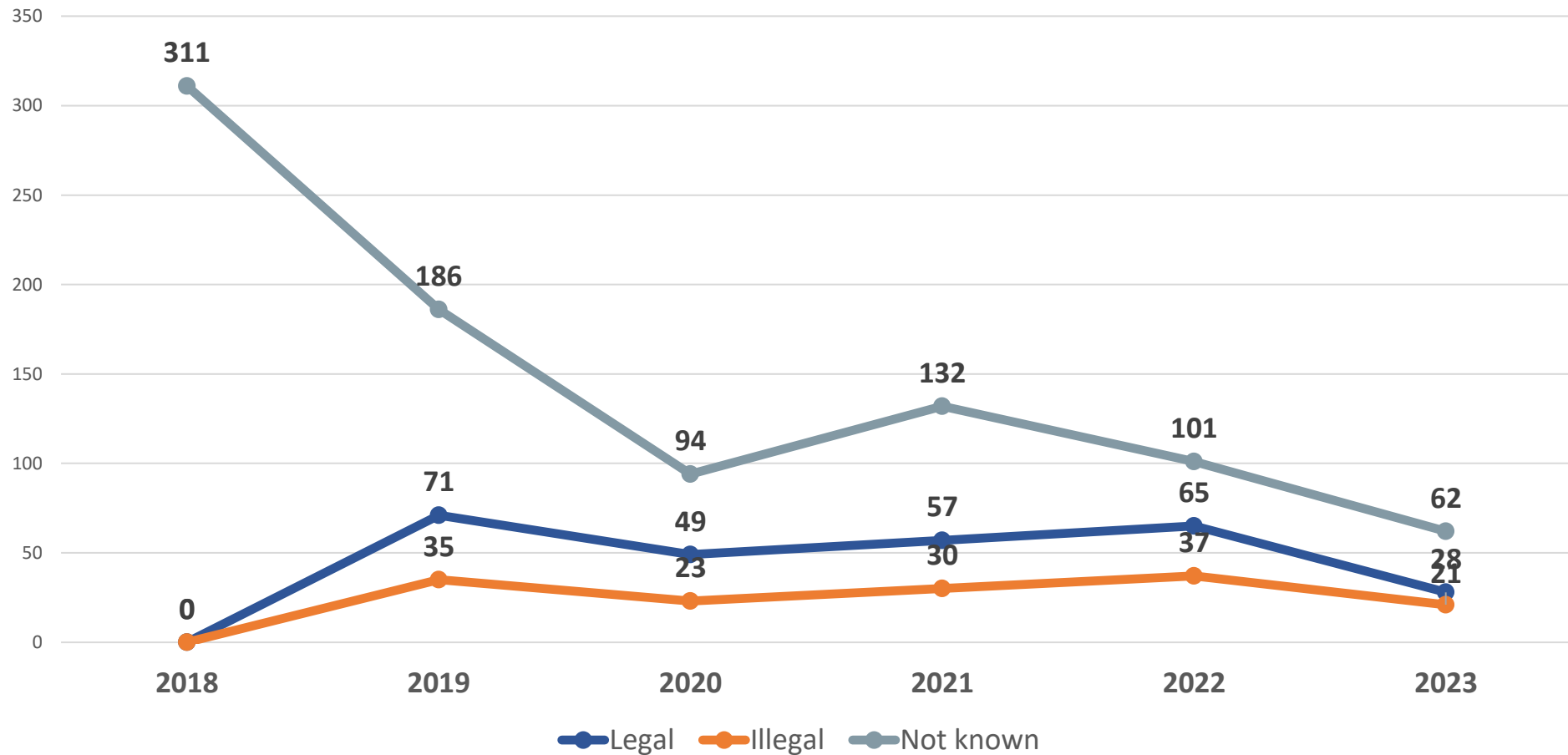
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- 813 pieces of weapons were **marked and stamped**;
- 4,008 pieces of firearms were **re-registered**;
- According to the **SEESAC's Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP)** data for 2023, a rise was observed in **weapon seizures (19%)**, incidents in the **context of domestic violence (68%)**, **criminal context (41%)**, and **public disputes (31%)**.

KPI 10

NUMBER OF FIREARM INCIDENTS

- Decreased number of firearm incidents.
- Higher number of incidents committed with **legal firearms**.

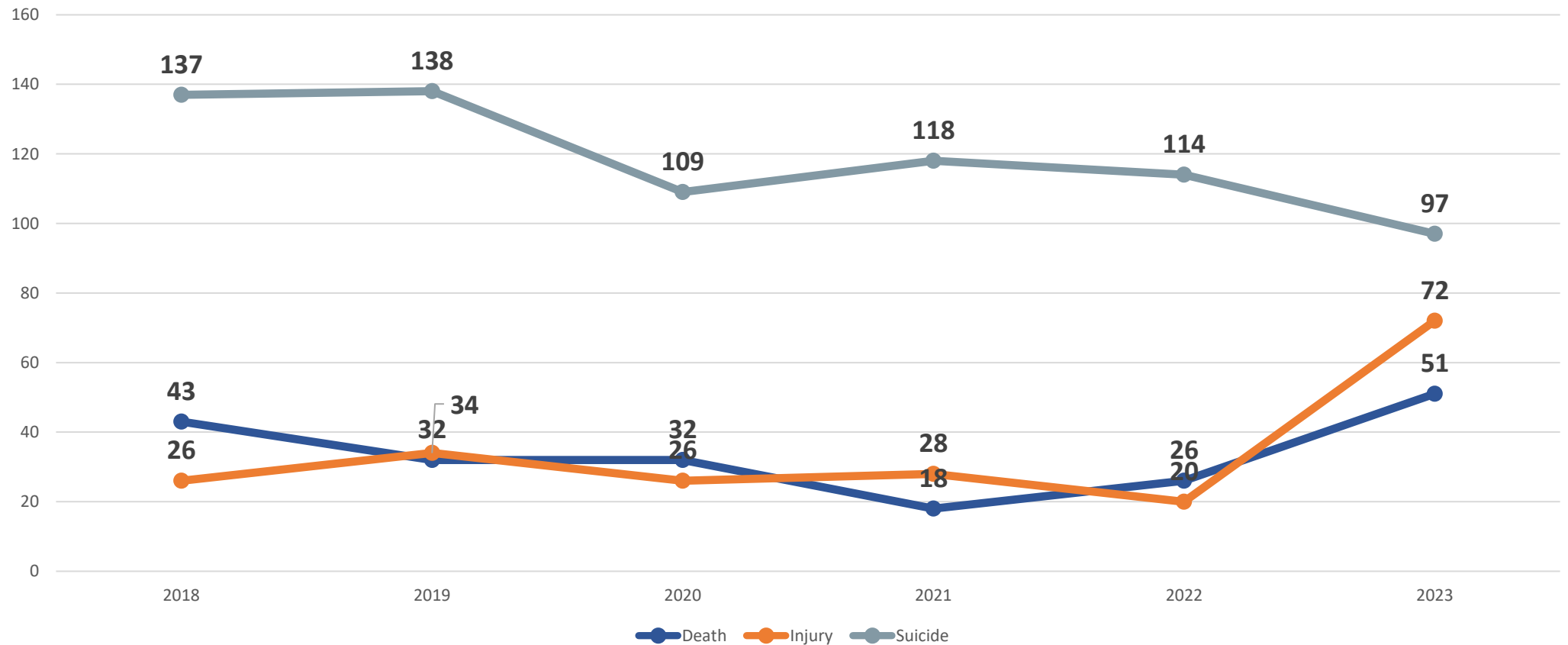


KPI 10

OUTCOME FOR VICTIMS

- Increased number of **deaths**.

- Majority of suicides committed with **legal firearms**.





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.

- Destruction of **surplus weapons** announced.
- Regular **inspections of legal and private entities**.
- Work on **increasing security infrastructure** of four Mol's evidence rooms completed;
- Higher number of weapons reported **lost/stolen**; Majority in civilian possession.



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