



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

# Monitoring Framework

(11<sup>th</sup> 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 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



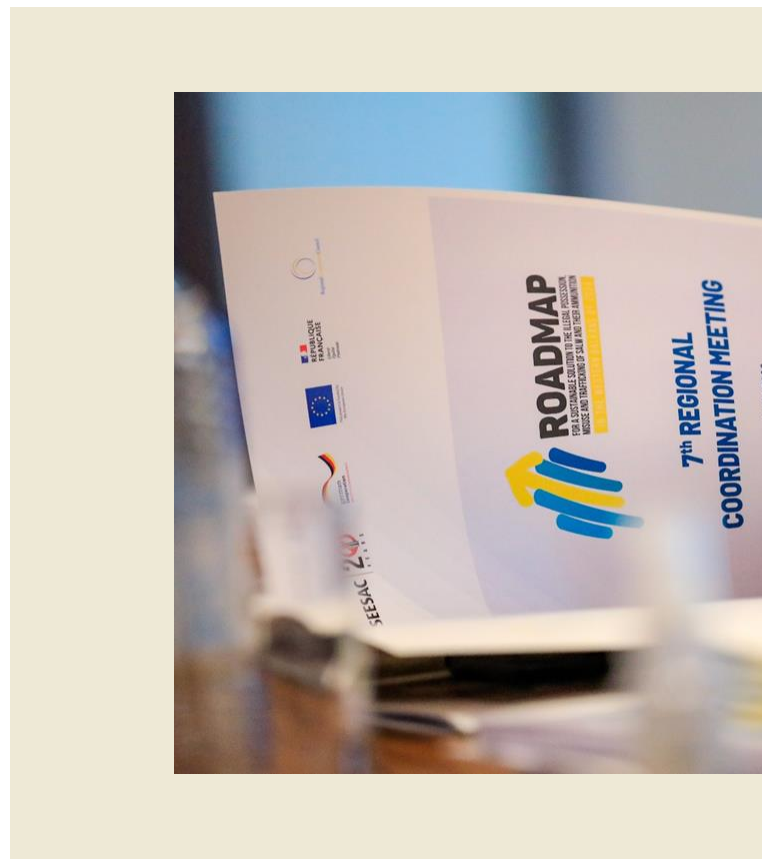
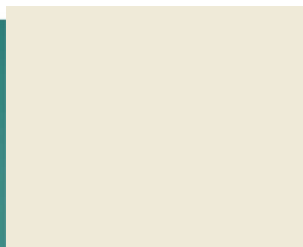
## 11th Progress Report

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 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 reported as **partially** or **not harmonized**:
    - **Amendments to the Law on weapons** still pending adoption;
  - Legislative framework on **civil use of explosives and pyrotechnics** yet to be harmonized;
  - Working group to develop the Law on **explosive precursors** established;
  - Amendments of the **Criminal Code** were adopted.
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# 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 Commission in place coordinating and monitoring the SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2025);
  - **Firearms Focal Point** established and operational in data collection and analysis, preparation of intelligence reports on firearms-related crimes;
  - Active participation in **JAD operations**, including the intelligence phase was reported;
  - The accreditation of the **Ballistic Laboratory** completed.
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# 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.*

- Assessment on the needs for **Crime Scene Investigations** reported, as well as harmonization of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of crime scene investigation units with ENFSI best practices;
  - Regular exchange of information through Interpol's iARMS and Europol's SIENA;
  - No unified information exchange system in place between police, prosecutor's office and courts; **Limited data on KPI 3 and KPI 8.**
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# KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Reported <b>cases</b> during the reporting period	<i>No data</i>	40	279	202	<b>246</b>	<i>No data*</i>
Reported <b>individuals</b> during the reporting period	368	329	252	226	<b>208</b>	<b>194</b>
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	274	281	176	152	<b>181</b>	<b>103</b>
Solved in another way	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>

In the Prosecutor's Office report for 2023, a reports against 194 persons were recorded. No case records are kept.



# GOAL 3

## PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

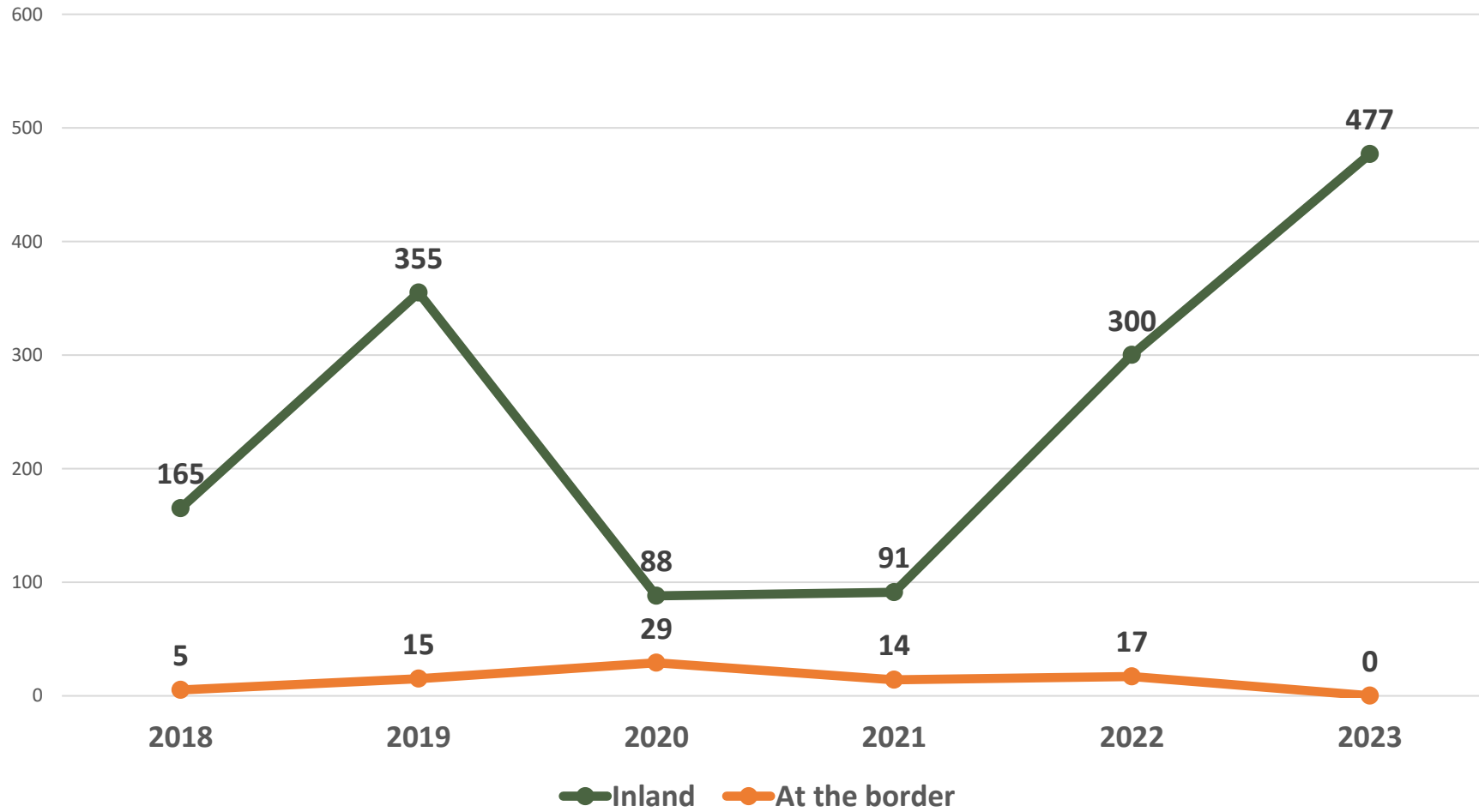
*By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.*

- Improving detection capacities for **border police** reported, as well as participation in national and regional workshops and training;
  - Adoption of the **Standard Operating Procedures** for Border Police was reported;
  - **Engagement and operational cooperation mostly with Interpol, Europol and EU member states** was reported;
  - **No reported cases of diversion** from legal trade of arms and ammunition;
  - No cases of **seizure at the border** reported.
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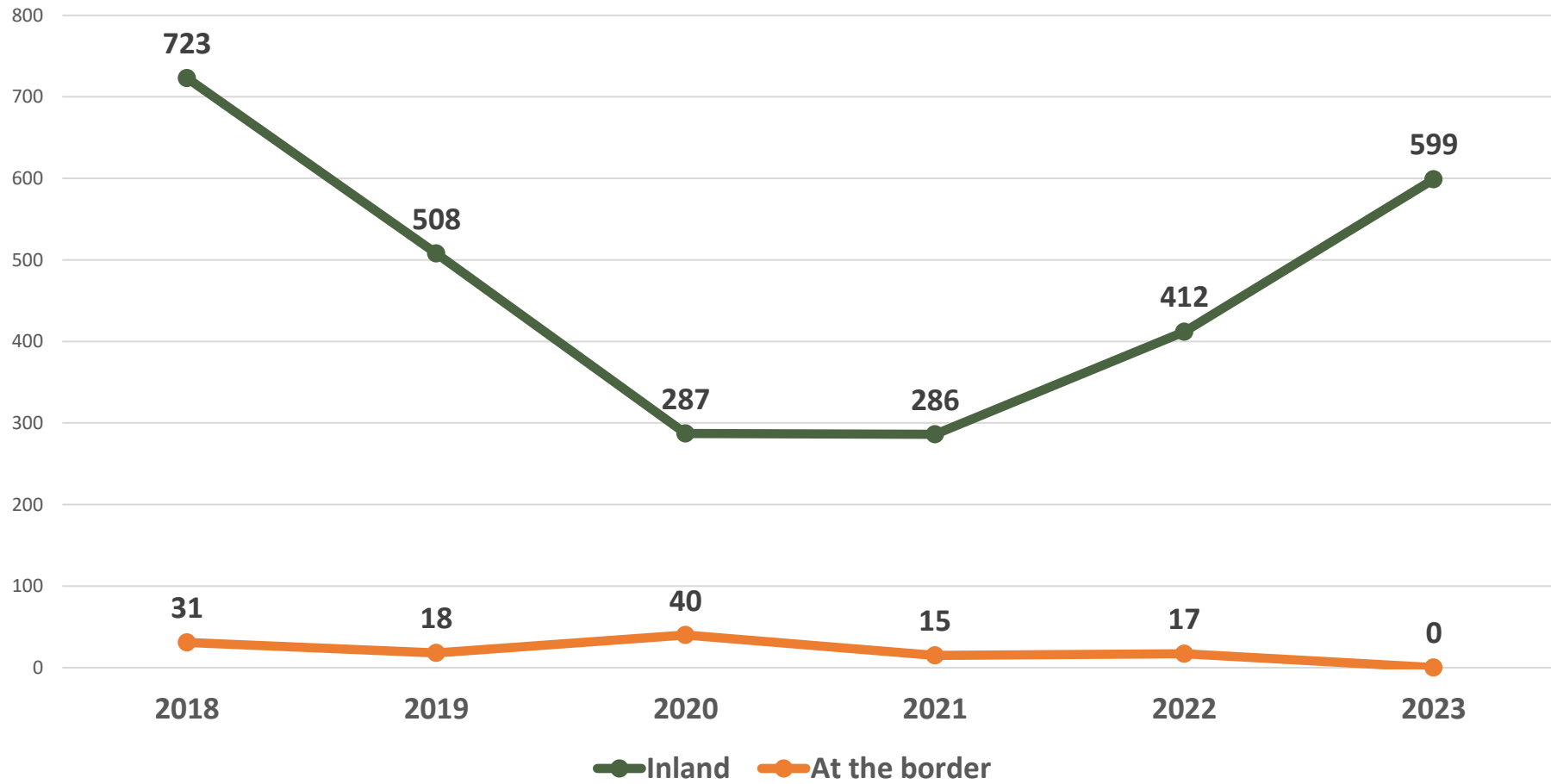
# KPI 4

Cases of seized FAE



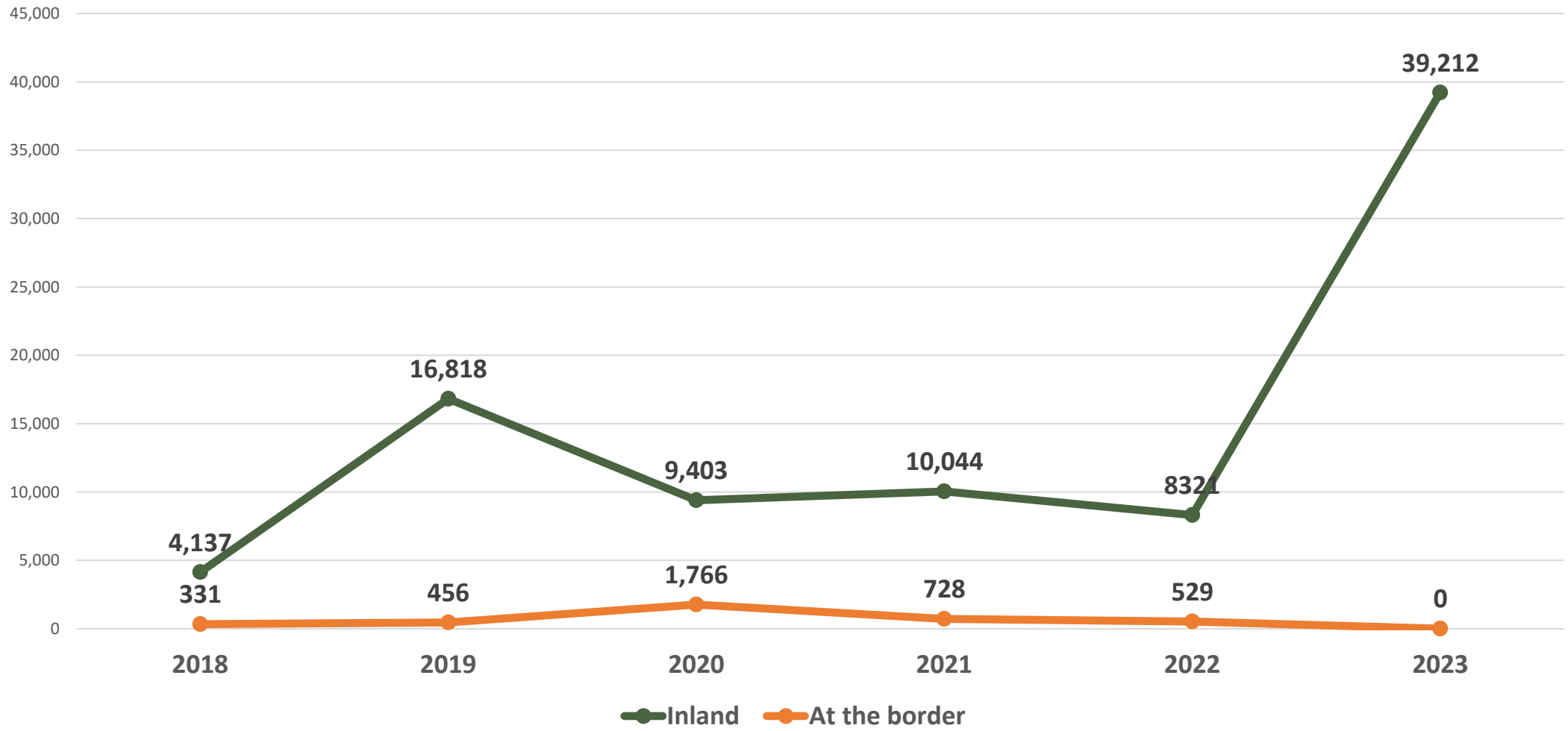
# KPI 4

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.*

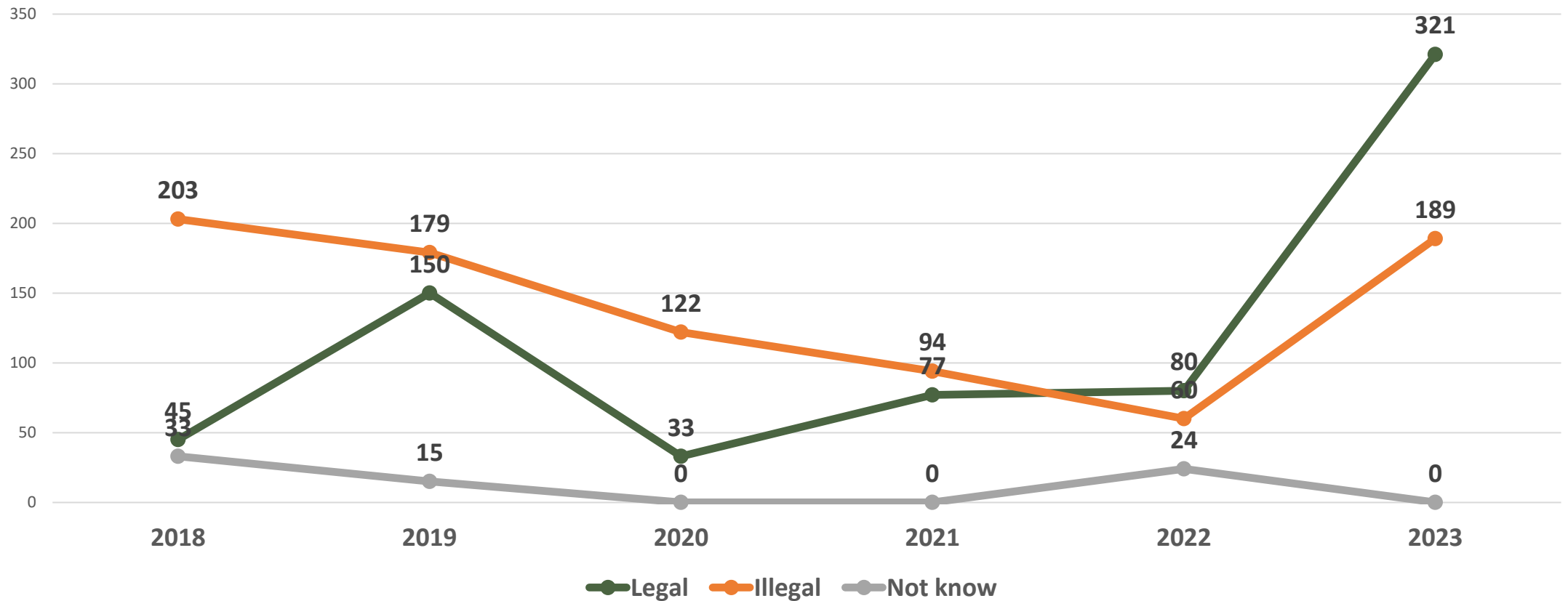
- Limited activities related to **awareness raising, outreach and education** on the dangers and risks related to the misuse, illicit possession, and trafficking of firearms/SALW;
  - Number of **voluntary surrendered firearms and ammunition increased** compared to the previous reporting period;
  - **No legalization of firearms** reported since 2018;
  - **Five firearms deactivated** in 2023;
  - SEESAC's AVMP has captured **increase in weapon seizures**, representing **66% of all recorded incidents in the AVMP**, as well as an **increase** in incidents in the **criminal context**, mainly those linked to **organized crime**.
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# KPI 10

## Incidents committed with firearms

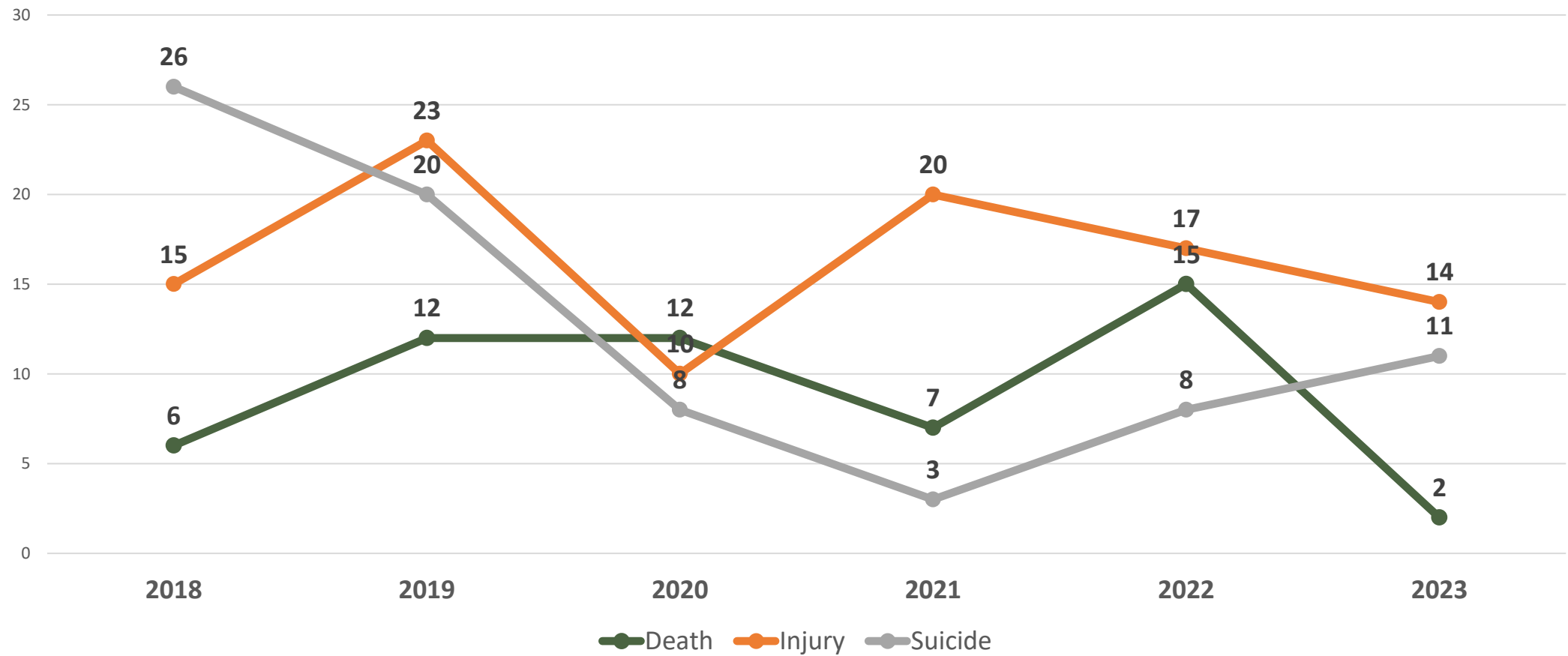
- A total of **510 incidents** involving firearms were reported in this period, showing a stark increase compared to 2022 (164)
- During the reporting period, the incidents involved **321 legal** and **189 illegal firearms**



# KPI 10

## Outcome of incidents

- Number of persons who committed the **suicide** with the firearms is on the increase;
- Number of **deaths** and **injuries** decreased.





# 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.*

- A total of 798 pieces of weapons were **destroyed** in 2023;
  - Continued disposal of unexploded ordnance;
  - **Ad hoc inspections** of relevant legal entities dealing with firearms reported;
  - There were no weapons or ammunition reported as **stolen** or **lost**, by state institutions, private entities, or citizens;
  - Support for the adaptation of the remaining buildings and storage facilities for the needs of the MoI and the MoD was requested.
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