



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



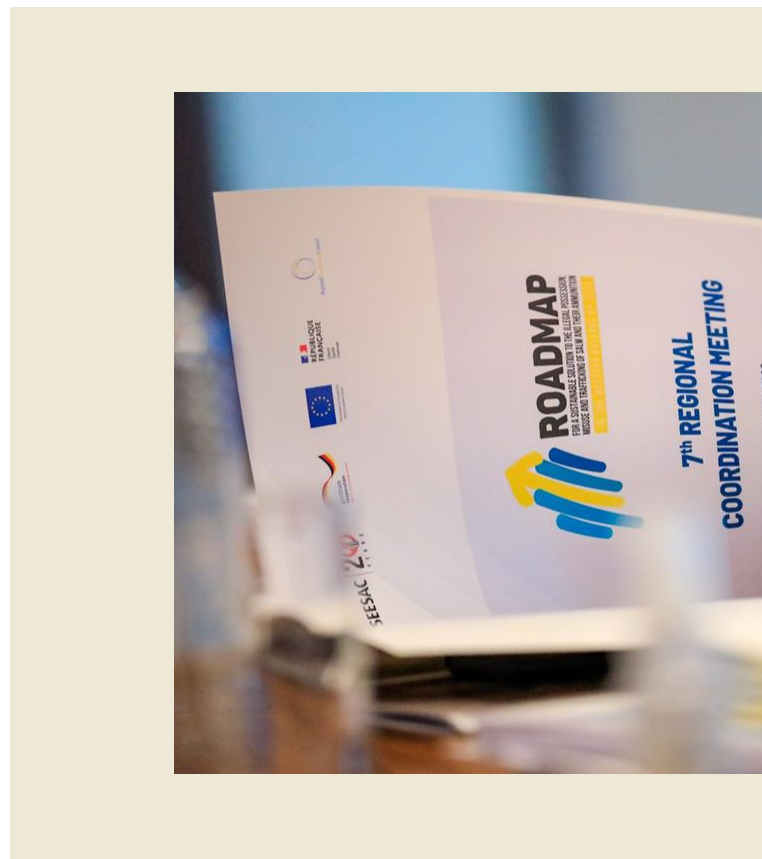
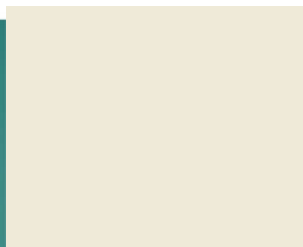
## 11th Progress Report

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.*

	2023
	Fully harmonized Partially harmonized Not harmonized
Directive (EU) 2021/555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons	Partially harmonized
Regulation 258/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 2012 implementing Article 10 of the UN Firearms Protocol	Partially harmonized
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/337 of 5 March 2018 on deactivation standards and technique	Partially harmonized
Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/68 for the marking of firearms	Not harmonized
Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/69 for technical specifications for alarm and signal weapon	Not harmonized
Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors	Not harmonized
Directive 2014/28/EU on the harmonization of the laws for supervision of CUE	Partially harmonized
Directive 2013/29/EU of the European Parliament relating to the making available on the market of pyrotechnic articles	Partially harmonized
Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment (MTE) Common Military List of the European Union	Partially harmonized
Council Common Position 2003/468/CFSP on the control of arms brokering	Fully harmonized
Directive 2009/43/EC simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products	Partially harmonized
Directive 2009/81/EC for the award of certain works contracts, in the fields of defense and security	Partially harmonized
Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 for the control of dual-use items	Partially harmonized



# GOAL 2

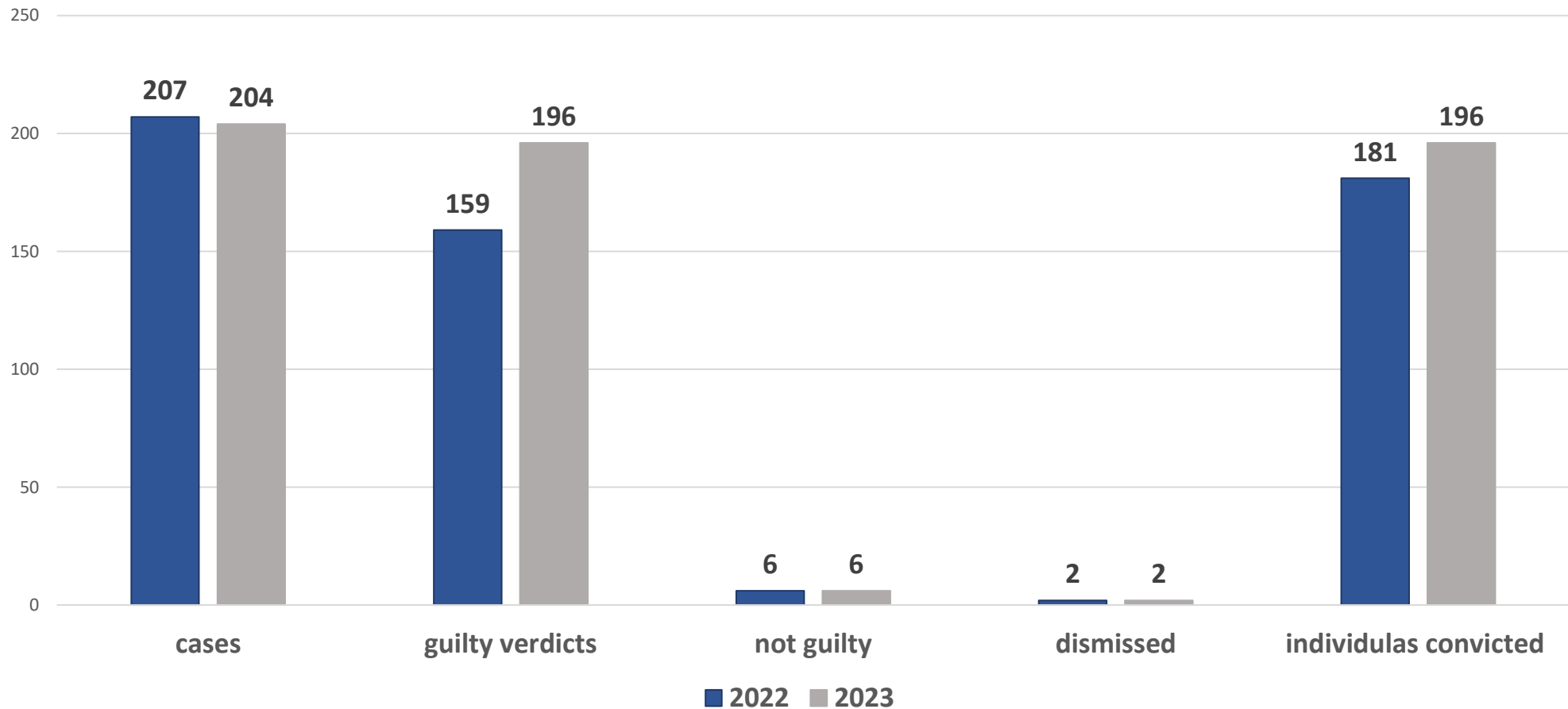
## PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 2, 3, 7 & 8)

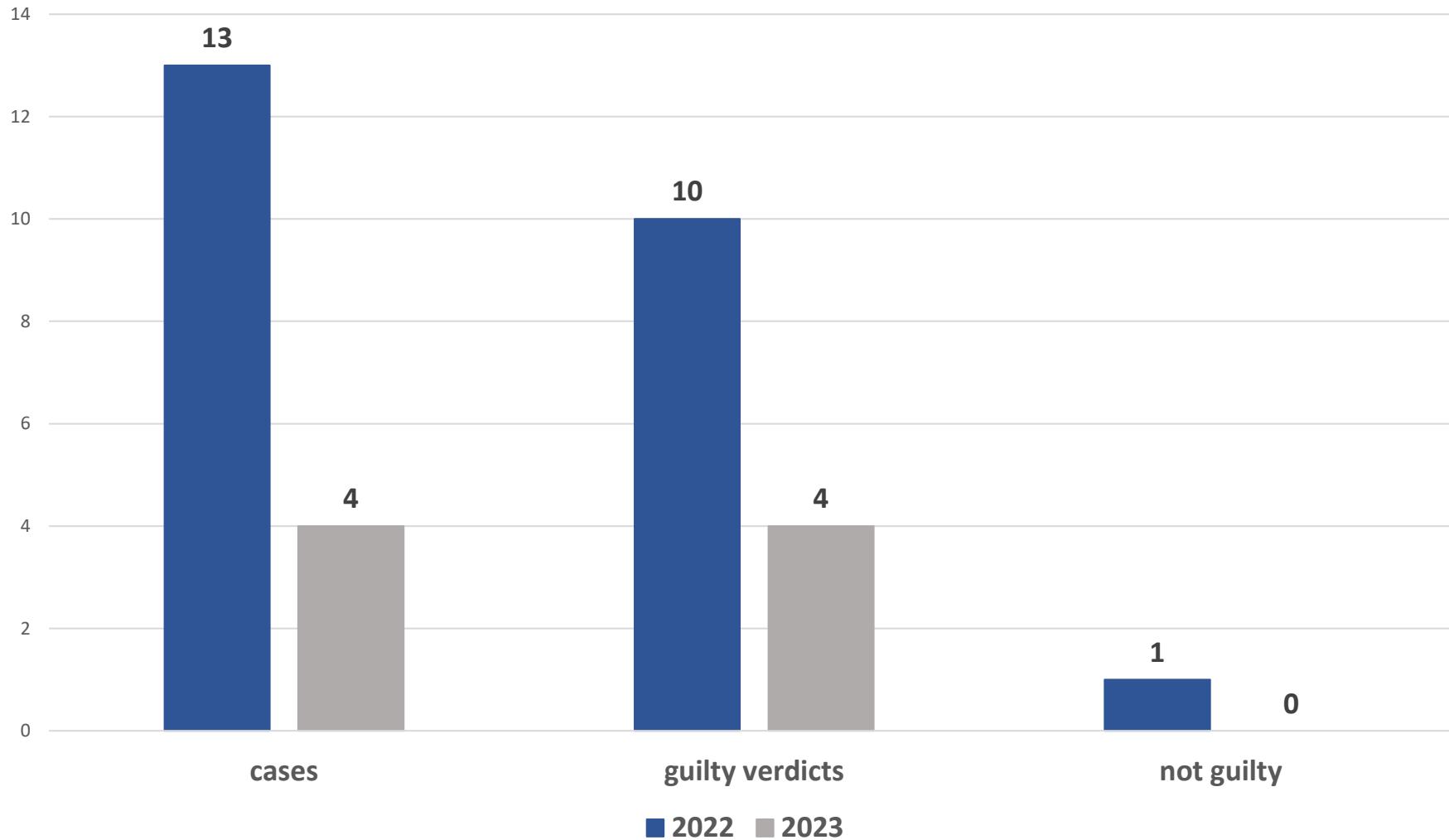
*By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence-based and intelligence-led.*

- SALW Commission coordinating and monitoring activities of SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2024).
  - Participation in Gender and SALW related activities reported at regional level.
  - In 2023, establishment of the **Firearm Focal Point (FFP)** as a permanent organizational structure within the State Police was reported as key achievement.
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# Illegal possession and manufacture of weapons, explosive weapons and of ammunition



# Trafficking of firearms and ammunition





# GOAL 3

## PROGRESS REPORT

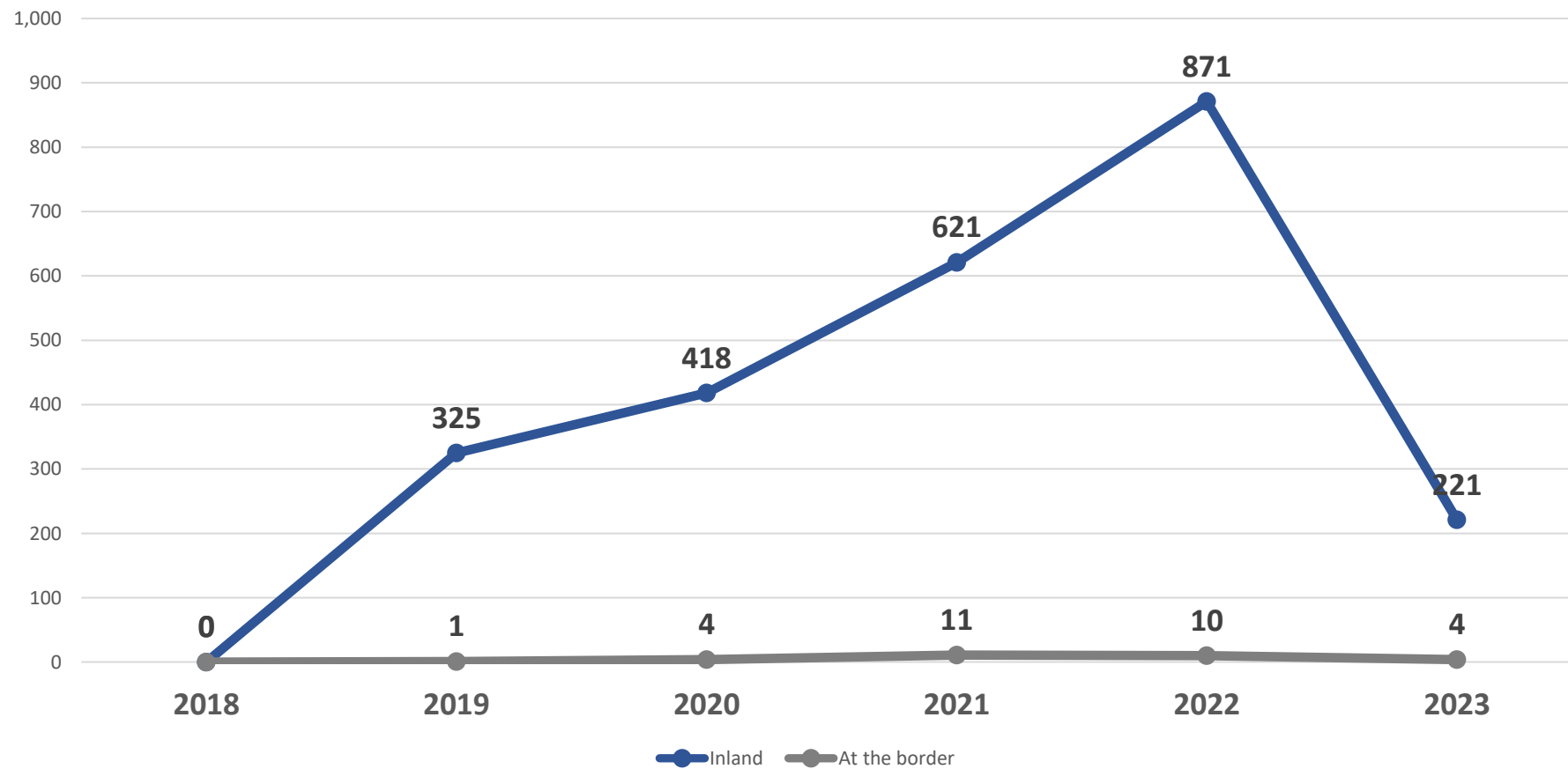
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

- Engagement, exchange of information and operational cooperation with EUROPOL, INTERPOL and FRONTEX is reported;
  - 78 police operations were reported as finalized at the national level;
  - Authorities report participation in three international operational actions in the framework of EMPACT joint action days.
  - No cases of diversion of weapons and ammunition reported.
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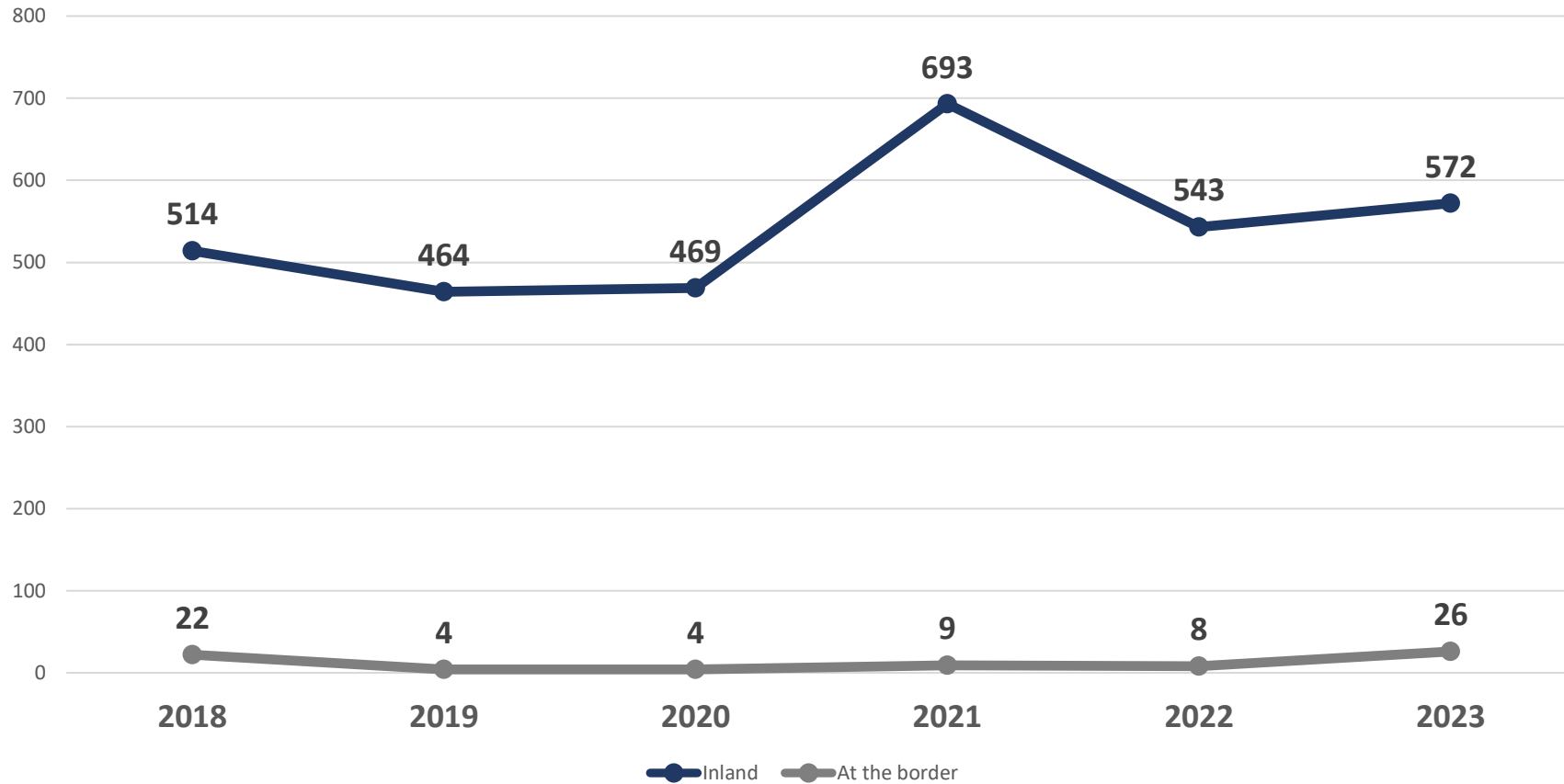


## KPI 4 Cases of seized FAE



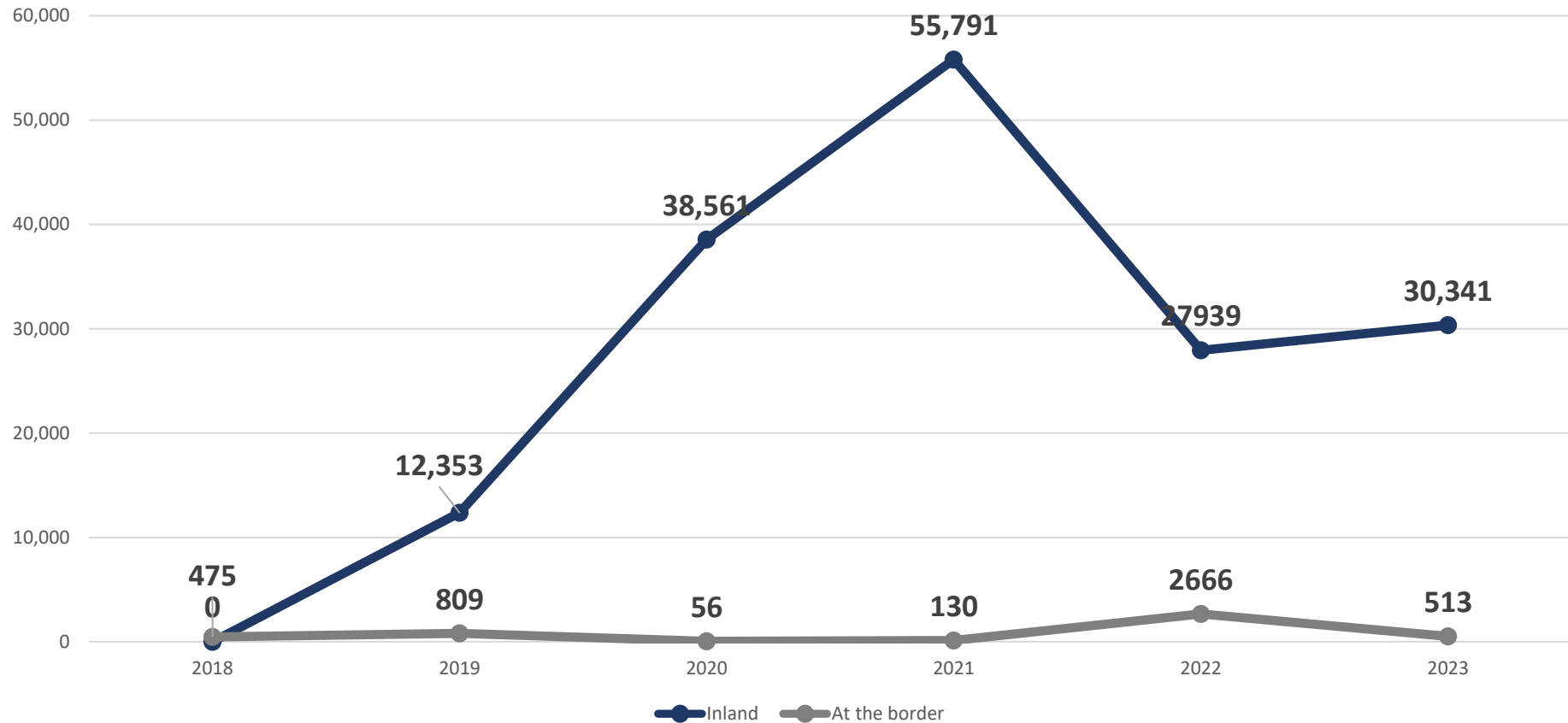
# KPI 4

Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)



# KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)





# GOALS 4 & 5

## PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 10 & 11)

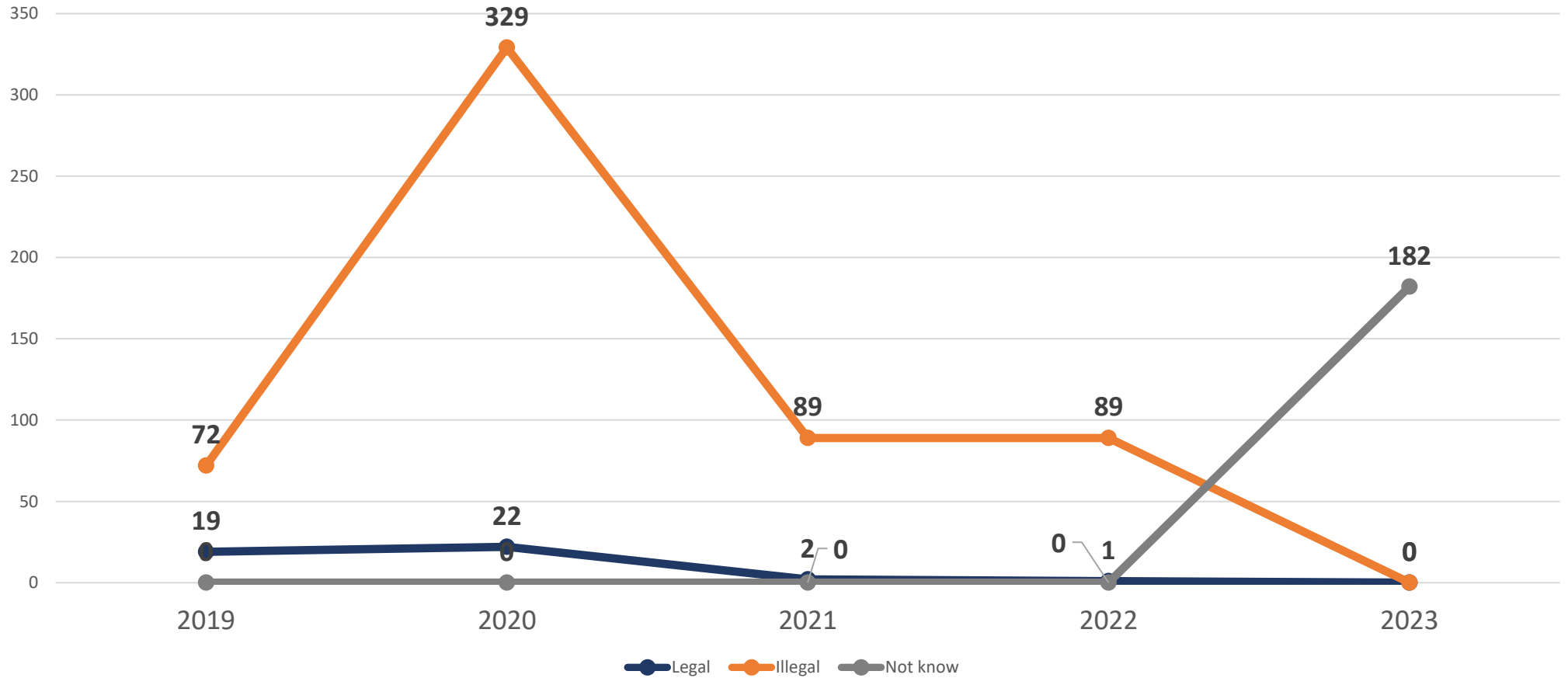
*By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.*

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

- Planning of awareness activities to reduce illicit possession and misuse of weapons reported.
  - Participation in regional initiatives of task force on awareness, the working group on domestic violence prevention and regional training for journalists on ethical reporting of gender-based violence reported.
  - 23 firearms were reported as **voluntarily surrendered**. There were no legalized or deactivated firearms reported.
  - As per SEESAC's AVMP, Albania documented the **third-highest number** of incidents with firearms related to **domestic violence** in the region.
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# KPI 10

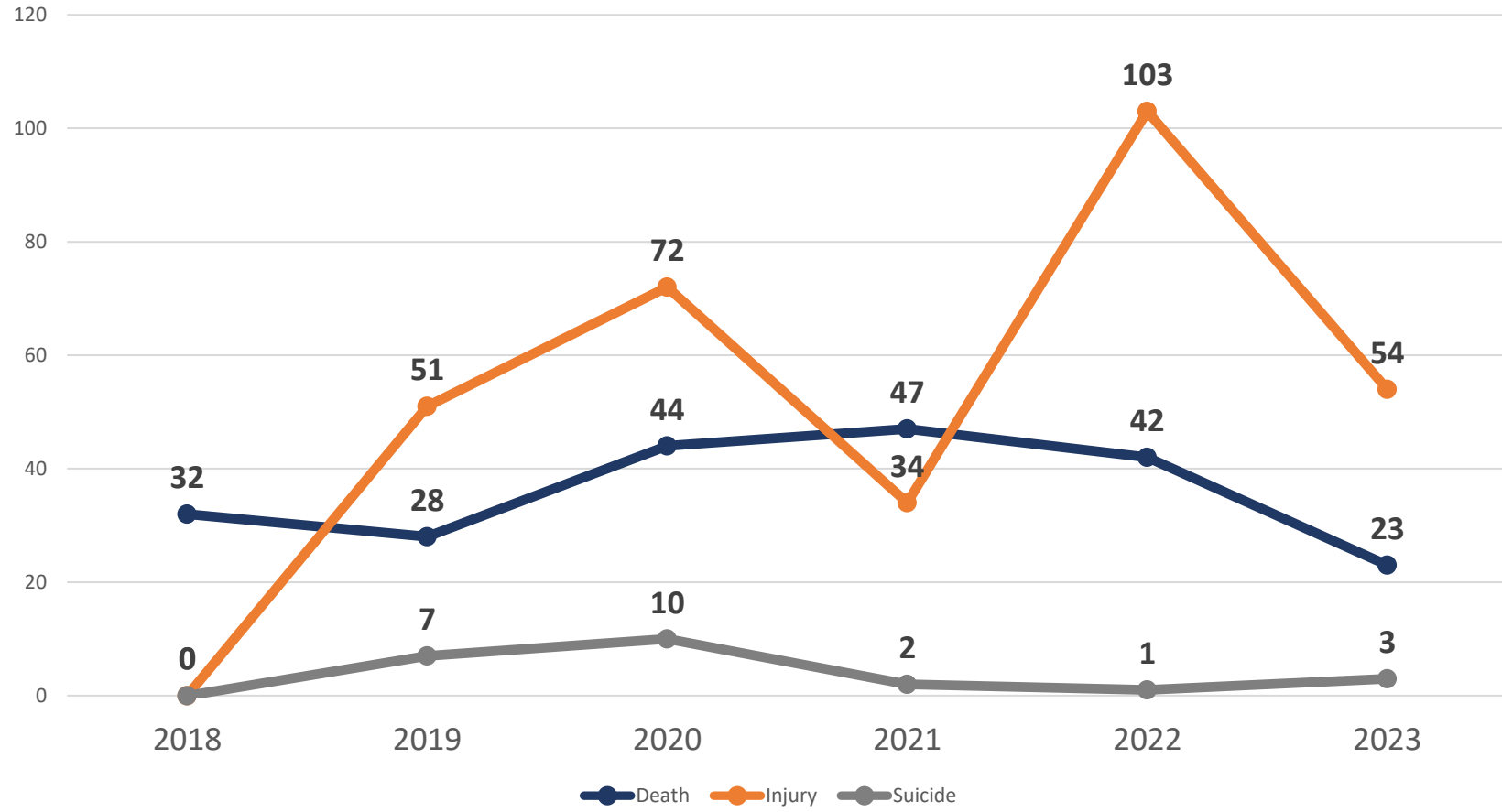
Incidents committed with firearms\*



Number of incidents resulting in murder, aggravated murder and suicide.

# KPI 10

## Outcome of incidents





# 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.*

- During the reporting period, there were no activities reported on **destruction of surplus or confiscated FAE**.
- Activities to upgrade the security infrastructure of a significant number of police evidence rooms throughout the country reported as ongoing.
- Only one hotspot with unexploded ordnance remains in Albania, compared to 19 identified in 2011. Efforts in the first half of 2023 continued in clearing the Jube-Sukth hotspot area in Durrës.



THANK YOU