



Monitoring Framework

The Roadmap for a sustainable solution to arms control in the Western Balkans by 2030

15th Progress Reports

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Roadmap Implementation

Monitoring

- SALW Commissions submit progress reports on biannual and annual basis;
- Annual KPI Report (1 January – 31 December 2025);
- Biannual Roadmap narrative reports (1 July – 31 December 2025);
- SEESAC integrates the data and information into a regional report.

Coordination

- Local Coordination Meetings;
- Regional Coordination Meetings (8-9 July 2026, Podgorica);
- Multi Partner Trust Fund

Supported through EU Council Decisions 2025/2587 (prev. 2022/2321 2018/1788)

Final Review of Phase I of the Roadmap

Progress:

- Alignment of the Criminal Code with UN Firearms Protocol;
- Full operationalization of Firearms Focal Point (FFP);
- Strengthened operational cooperation with other jurisdictions on firearms trafficking;
- Accreditation of relevant ballistic methods;
- Awareness-raising among legal entities and general population.

Steps forward:

- Adoption of amendments to the legal framework in harmonization with EU Acquis;
- Standardized and institutionalized data collection and exchange systems;
- Deactivation, voluntary surrender and legalization as means to reduce illicit possession of firearms.
- Increase the focus on sustainability.



Goal 1

(KPI 1)

By 2030, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standardized across the region

- **Revisions to the Law on Weapons** in harmonization with the EU Acquis still in process while **Law on Explosives for Civil Use** adopted in 2026;
 - No progress reported in drafting the **law on explosive precursors**;
 - **Criminal Code** reported as fully aligned with the Firearms Protocol since 2020.
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Goal 2

(KPI 2,3,8)

By 2030, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are in place, evidence-based and intelligence-led.

- **A SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan in place, valid until 2028. SALW Commission** engaged in planning, coordination, and monitoring of activities under the Roadmap;
 - **Record keeping** - Upgrade of the weapons registry, including a new module on explosives and pyrotechnics.
 - Limited number of activities reported aiming to address gender and age concerns and misuse of firearms, or increased participation of women in SALW control.
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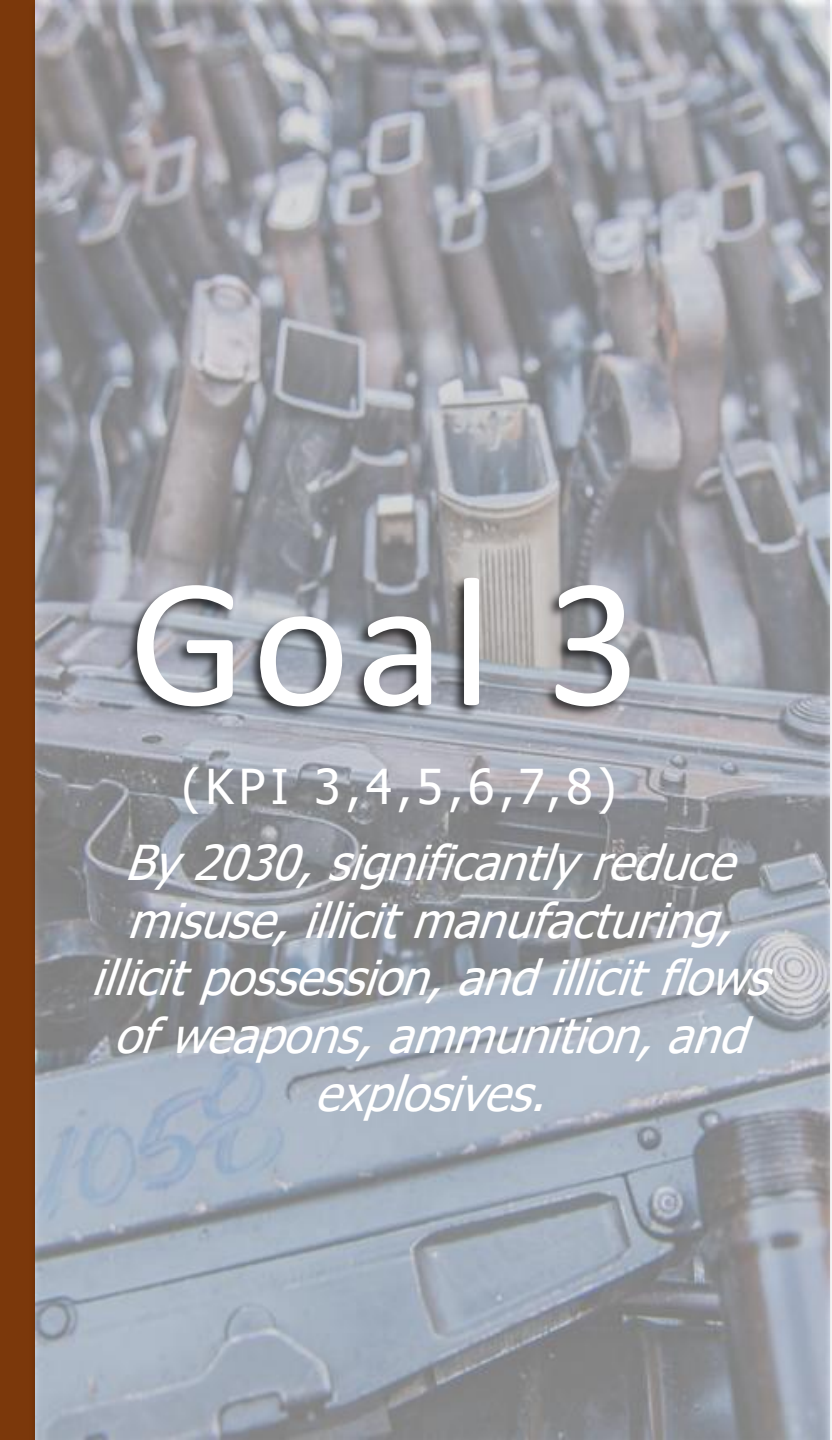


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- No significant changes in the Case Management Information System (SMIL) to enable automatic information exchange between the police, prosecution and courts;
 - In 2025, the authorities continued to trace firearms through iArms (indirectly) and via SIENA.
 - Information exchange was reported at jurisdictional level, Europol, Interpol followed by EU member states bilaterally, and other Western Balkan jurisdictions.
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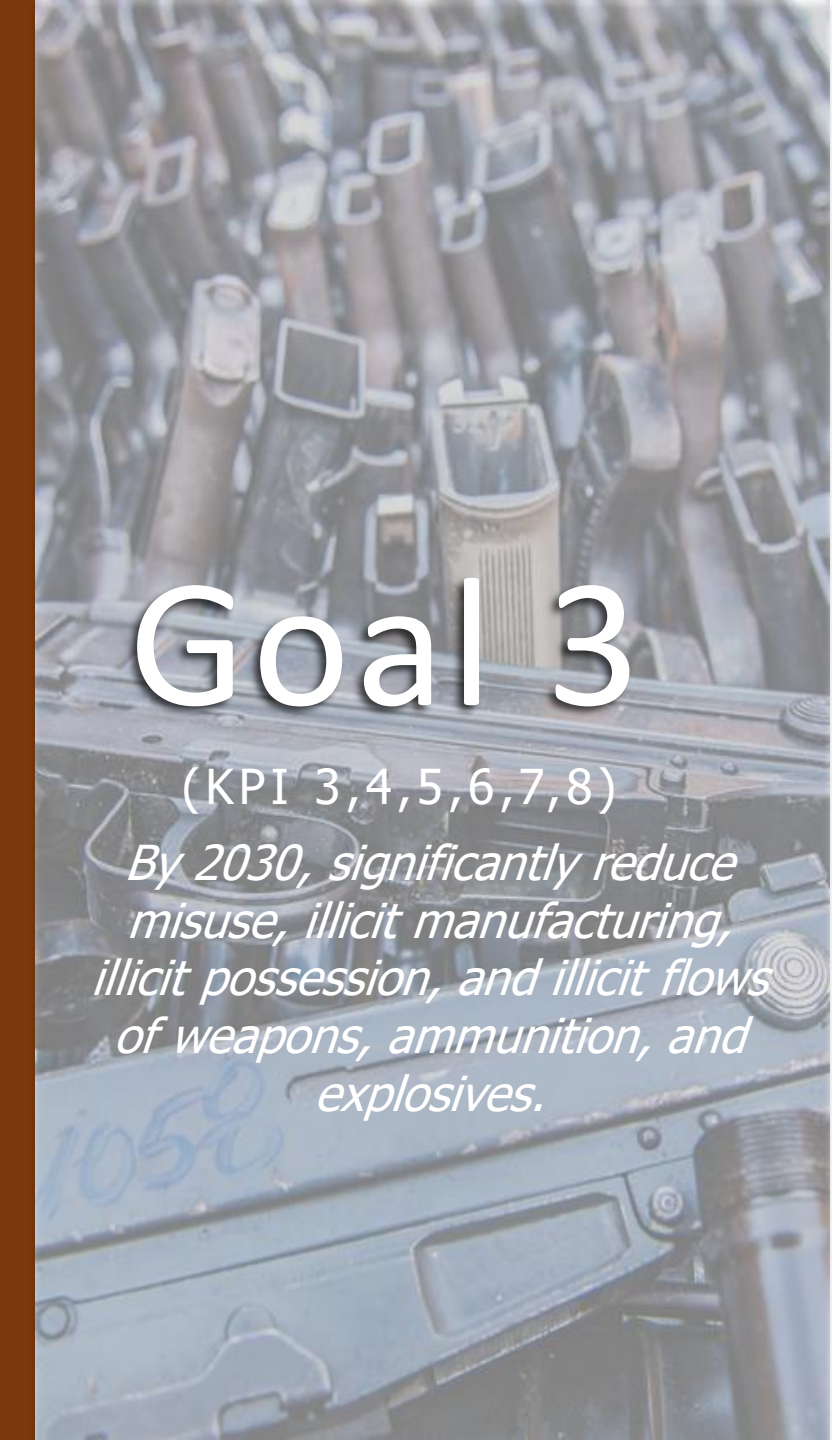


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(KPI 3,4,5,6,7,8)

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- Advancing border and customs services' detection capacities including in postal parcels through provision of:
 - additional detection equipment
 - specialised training and mentoring,
 - development of related SOPs for customs administration.
 - **Operational e-learning platform** – further advanced through the digitization of relevant training materials, an example of sustainable approach to continued learning.
 - Enhanced knowledge of SALW control for various services of the police including community police, contributing to sustainability of the approach.
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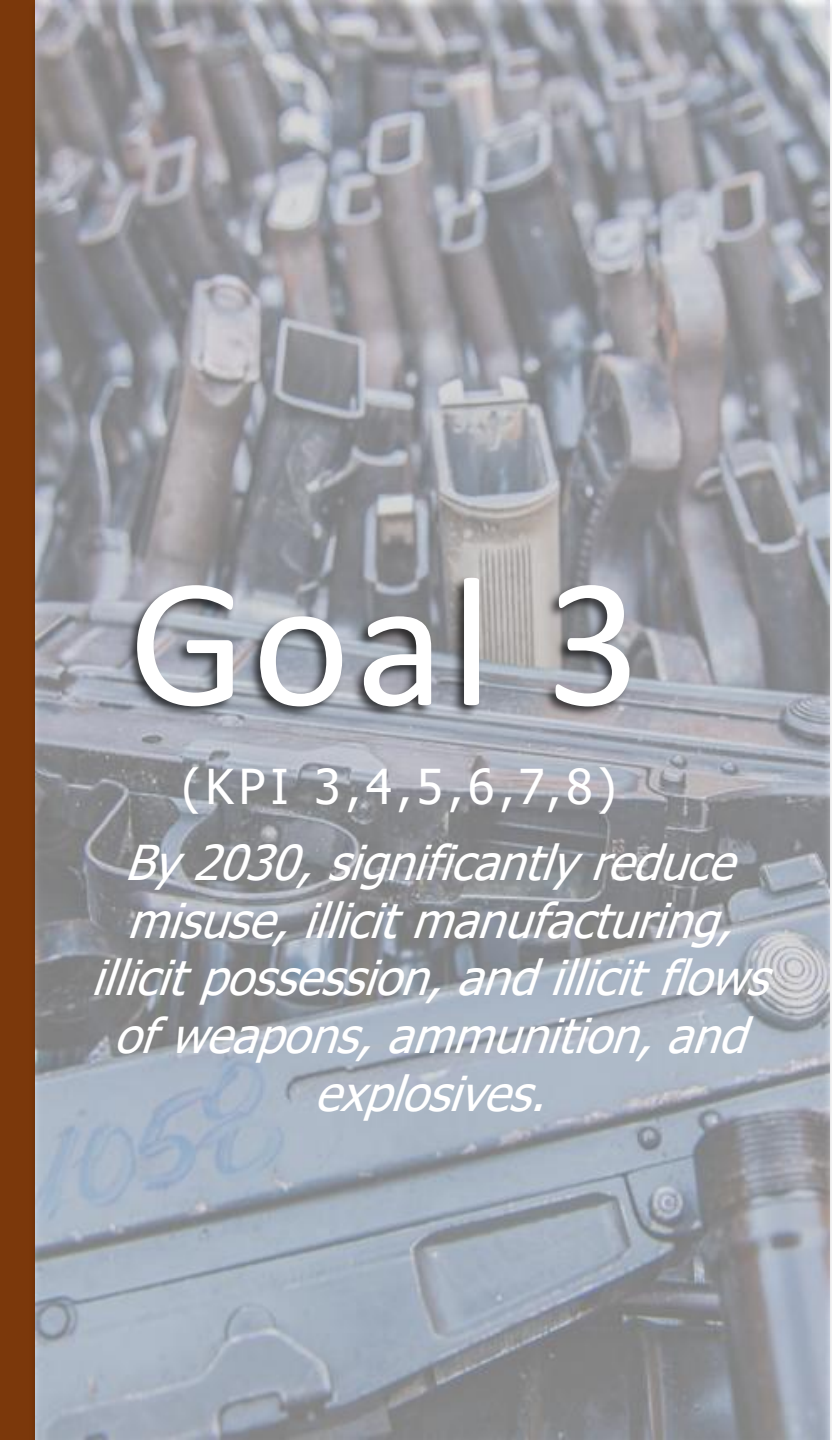


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- Investigation capacities of CSIs strengthened with additional equipment procured, training on use of equipment and cybercrime, and protective tools for inspection of explosives.
 - The Ballistic Lab is reported as accredited in four methods.
 - **Firearms Focal Point (FFP)** is fully operational, its capacities further strengthened (update of iBase and tracing training).
 - Actively engaged in supporting investigation of firearm-related crimes and communicating with internal units and external law enforcement agencies
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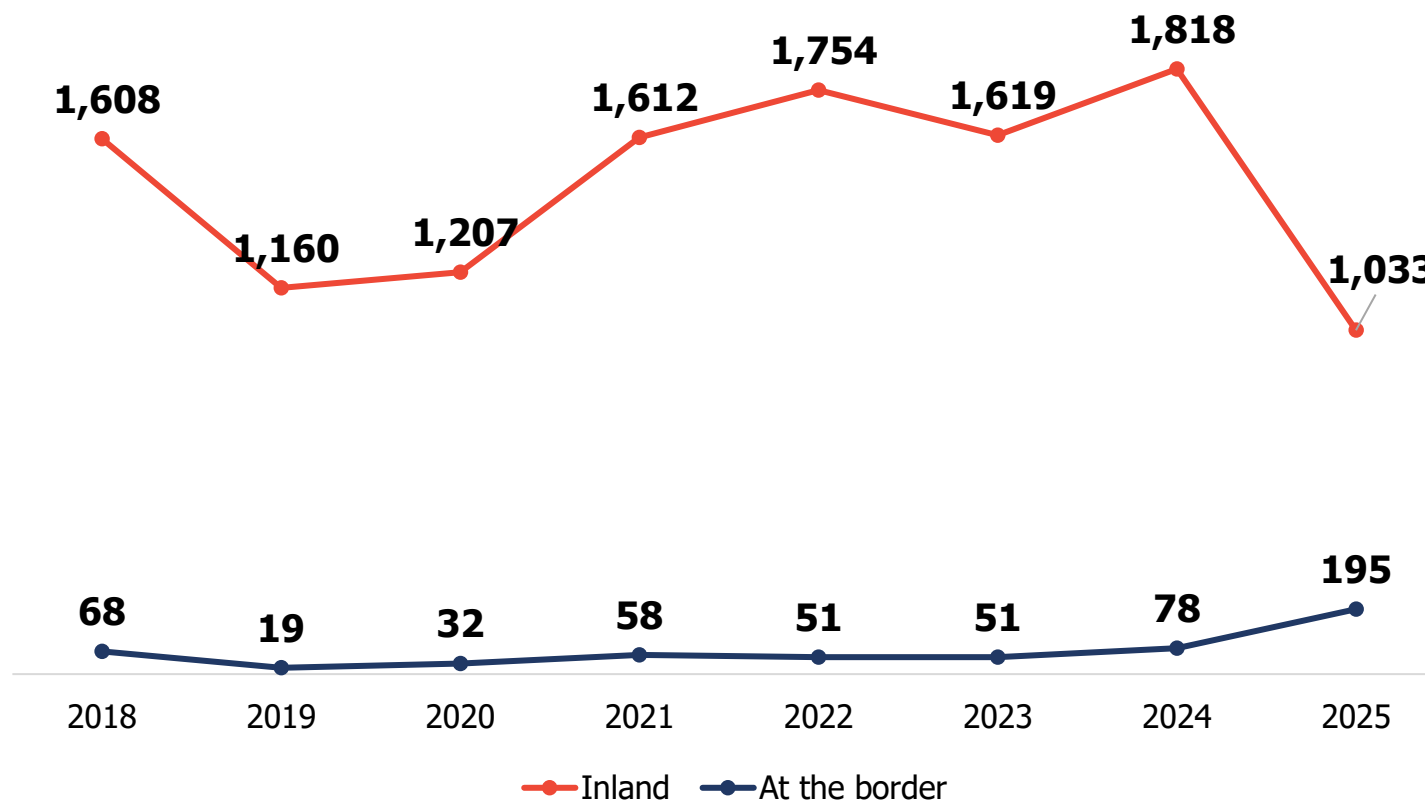
- Strengthened capacities of prosecutors and judges to ensure better sentencing consistency and enhance application of legal framework in prosecuting firearms related crimes.
 - A number of cases/actions of operational cooperation reported involving the Western Balkans, Frontex, EUROPOL, EMPACT, EU MSs and non-EU MSs.
 - A Joint Action Days (JAD) Coordinator has been appointed, and the authorities reported active participation in the preparatory activities for the JAD 2026
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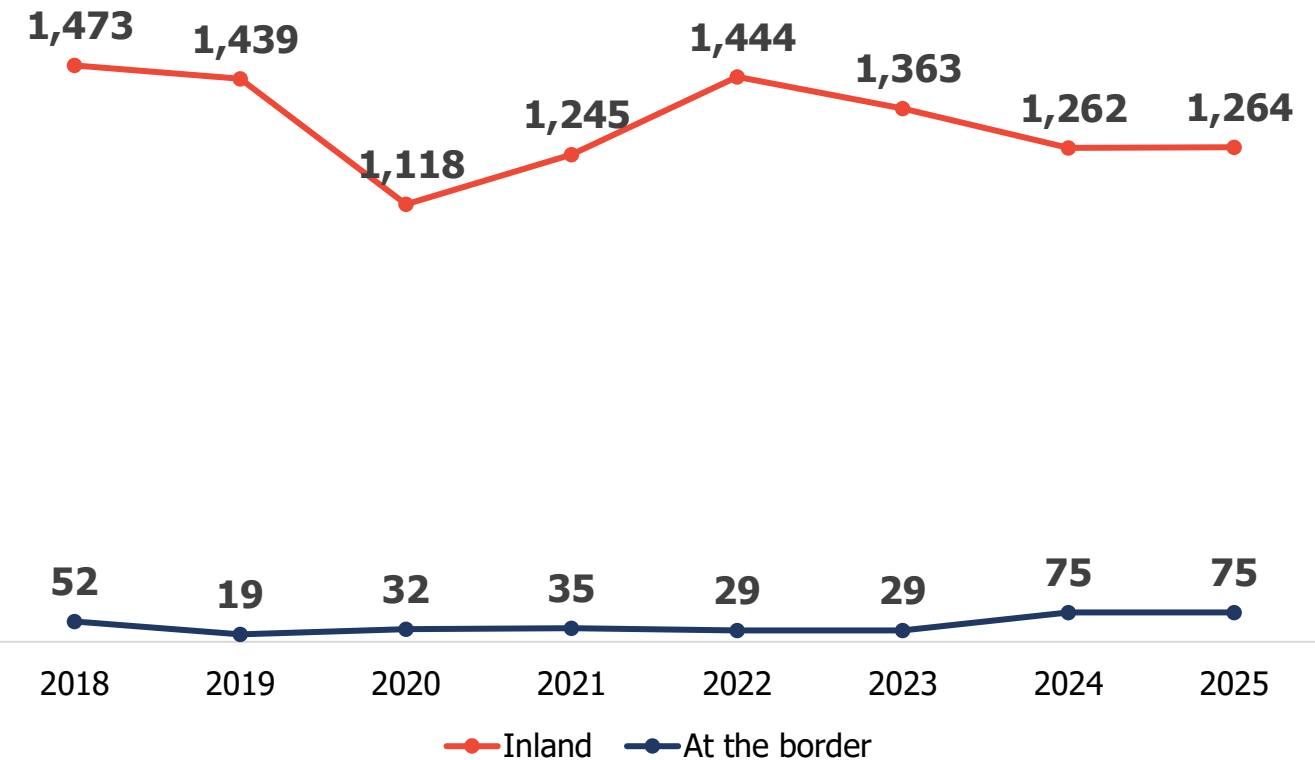
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Cases of WAE seized inland and at the borders 2018-2025 (KPI 4)



Weapons seized inland and at the borders 2018-2025 (KPI 4)



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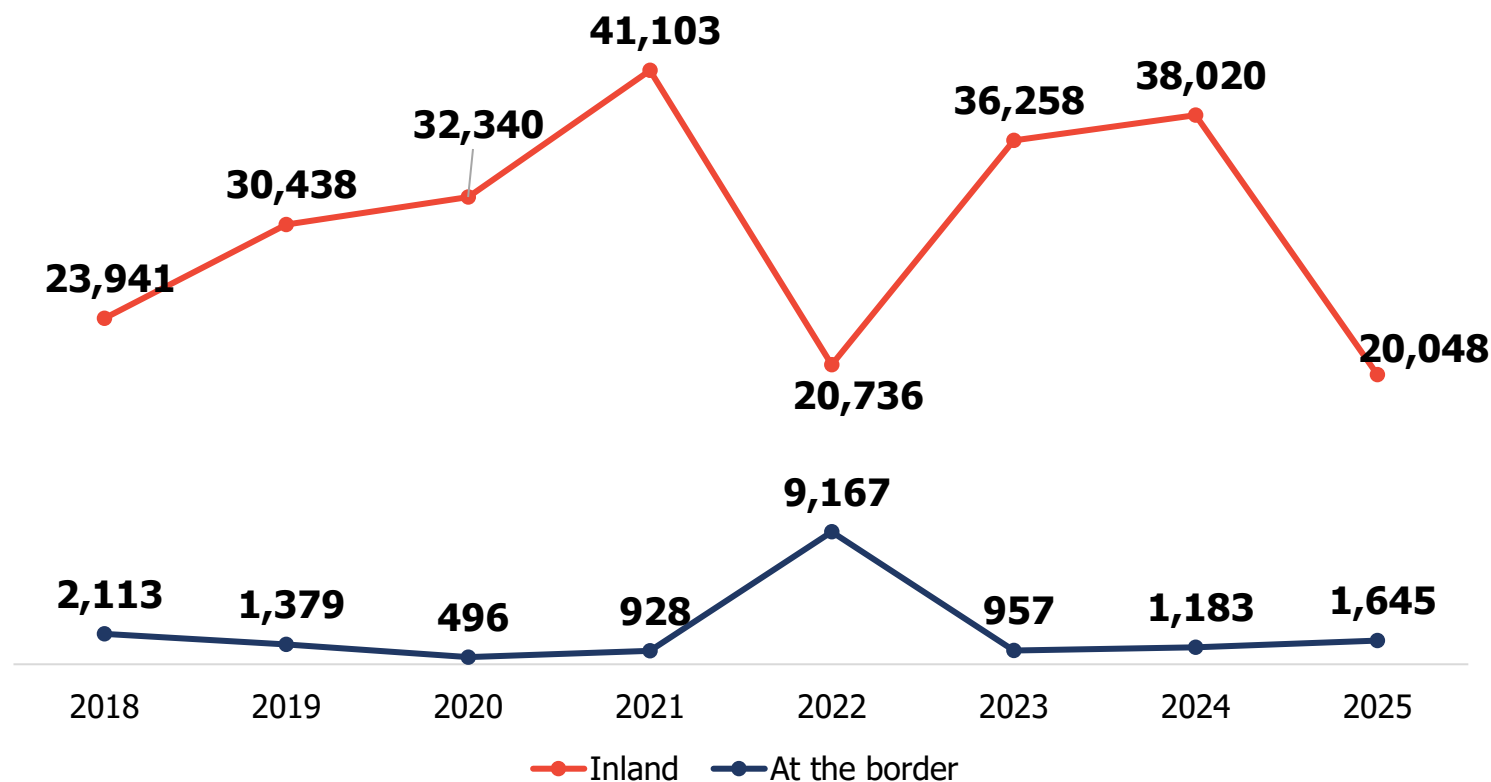
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Ammunition (pcs) seized inland and at the borders 2018-2025 (KPI 4)





Goal 4

(KPI 9, 10, 13)

By 2030, significantly reduce the supply, demand, illicit possession and misuse of arms, ammunition and explosives through the means of prevention

- Continued efforts reported to **raise awareness, conduct outreach, and educate**, primarily aimed at reducing celebratory shootings.
 - Firearm-related incidents continued to show an **upward trend** in 2025, recording **1,339 cases** compared to 1,262 in 2024. Most of these incidents were committed with illegal weapons (968).
 - incidents resulted in **17 murders and six suicide cases**, marking a decrease from those reported in 2024.
 - As no campaign of legalization and voluntary surrender was reported in 2025, the authorities reported the voluntary surrender of only two weapons with unknown legal status.
 - Neither legalization nor deactivation of weapons were reported.
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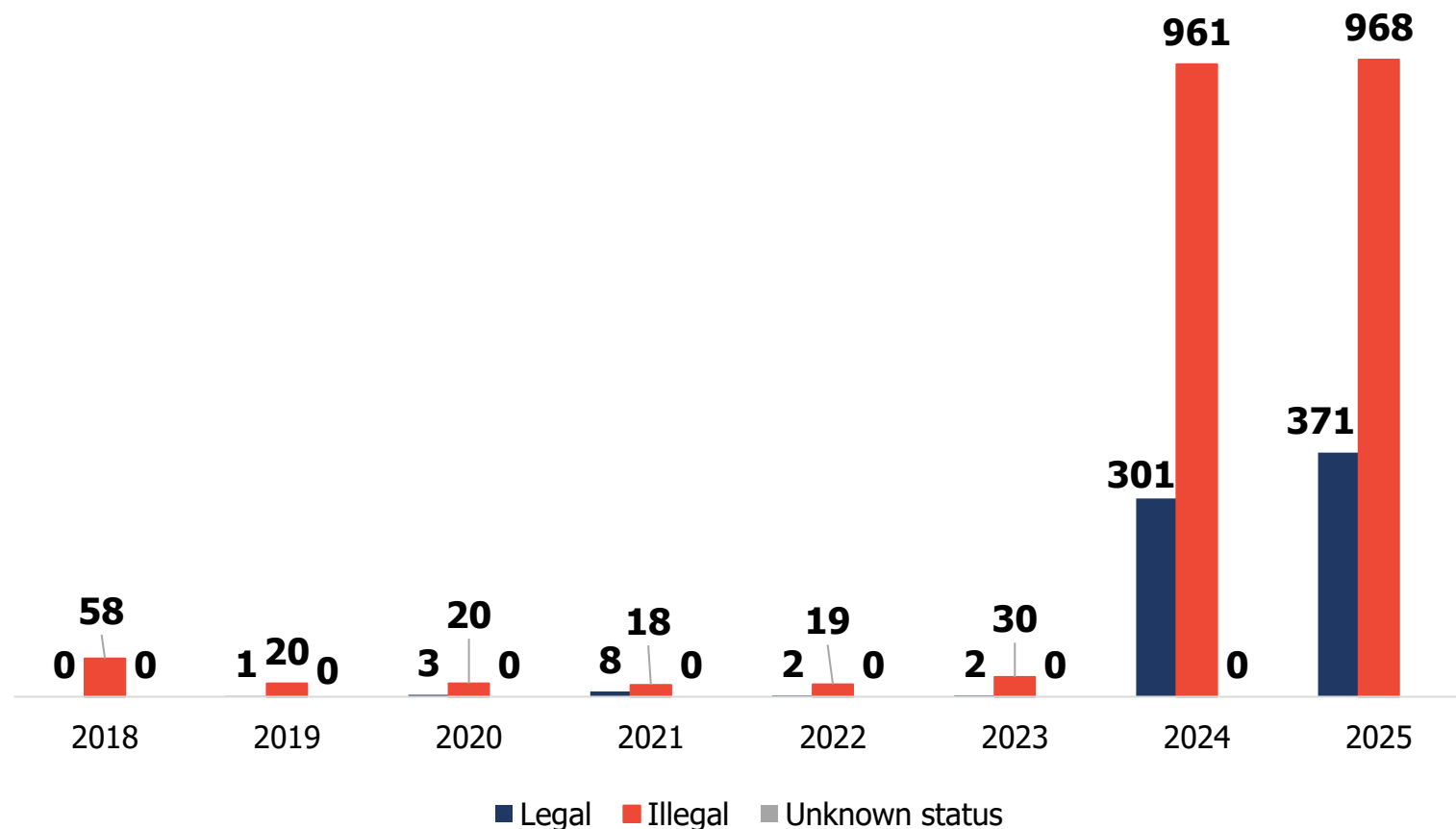
- **Weapons seizures** continued to be the most reported type of incident in 2025.
 - Cases of **celebratory shootings decreased** in 2025, although these remained a persistent type of incident, particularly during the summer months.
 - Cases involving handguns declined by 15% but remained the most frequently reported weapon type.
 - An increase was seen though in 2025 in incidents with automatic/military-grade weapons, which rose by 32%.
 - Recorded highest number of incidents involving AK-47s in the region.
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Number of incidents involving weapons (and explosives) 2018-2025 (KPI 9)

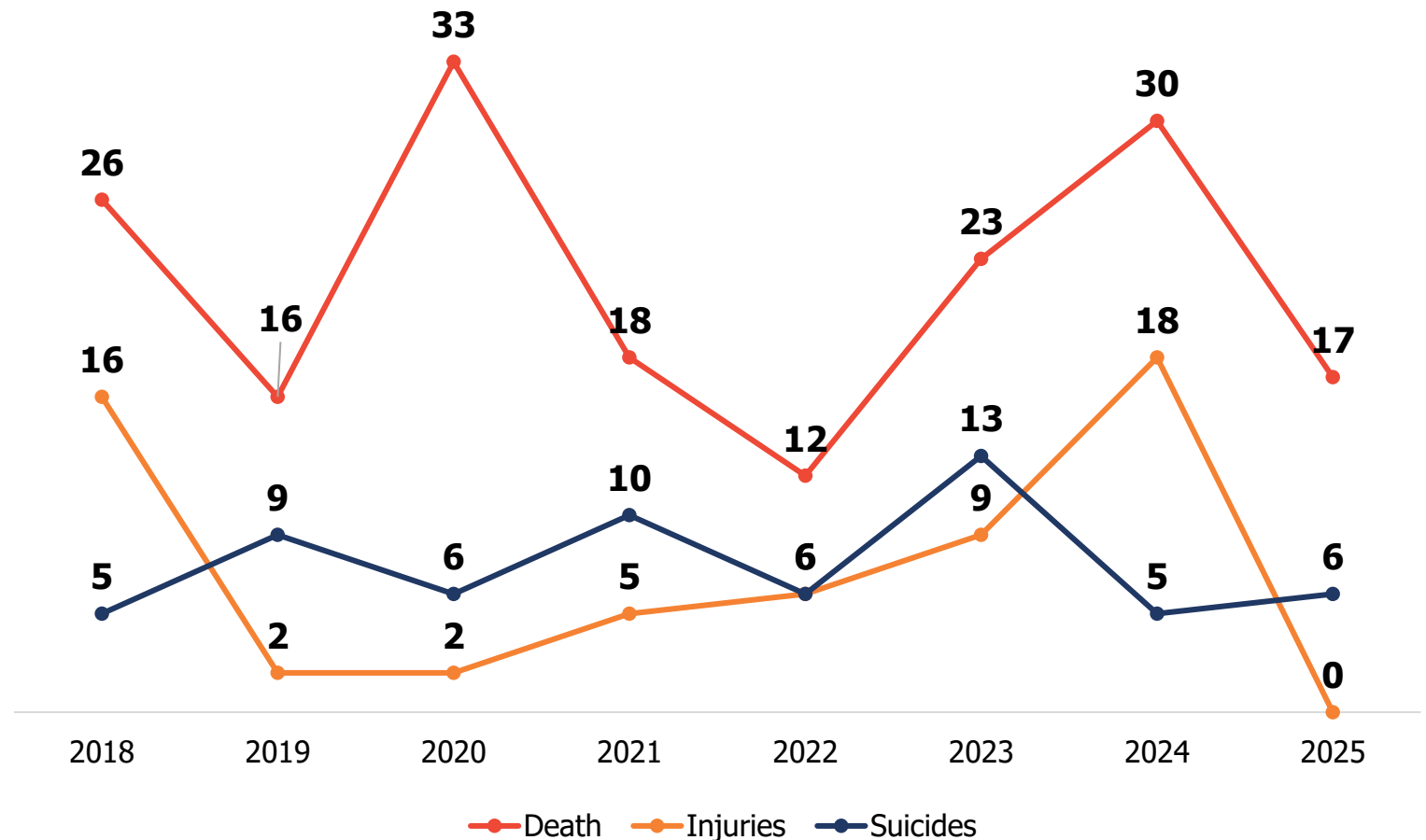


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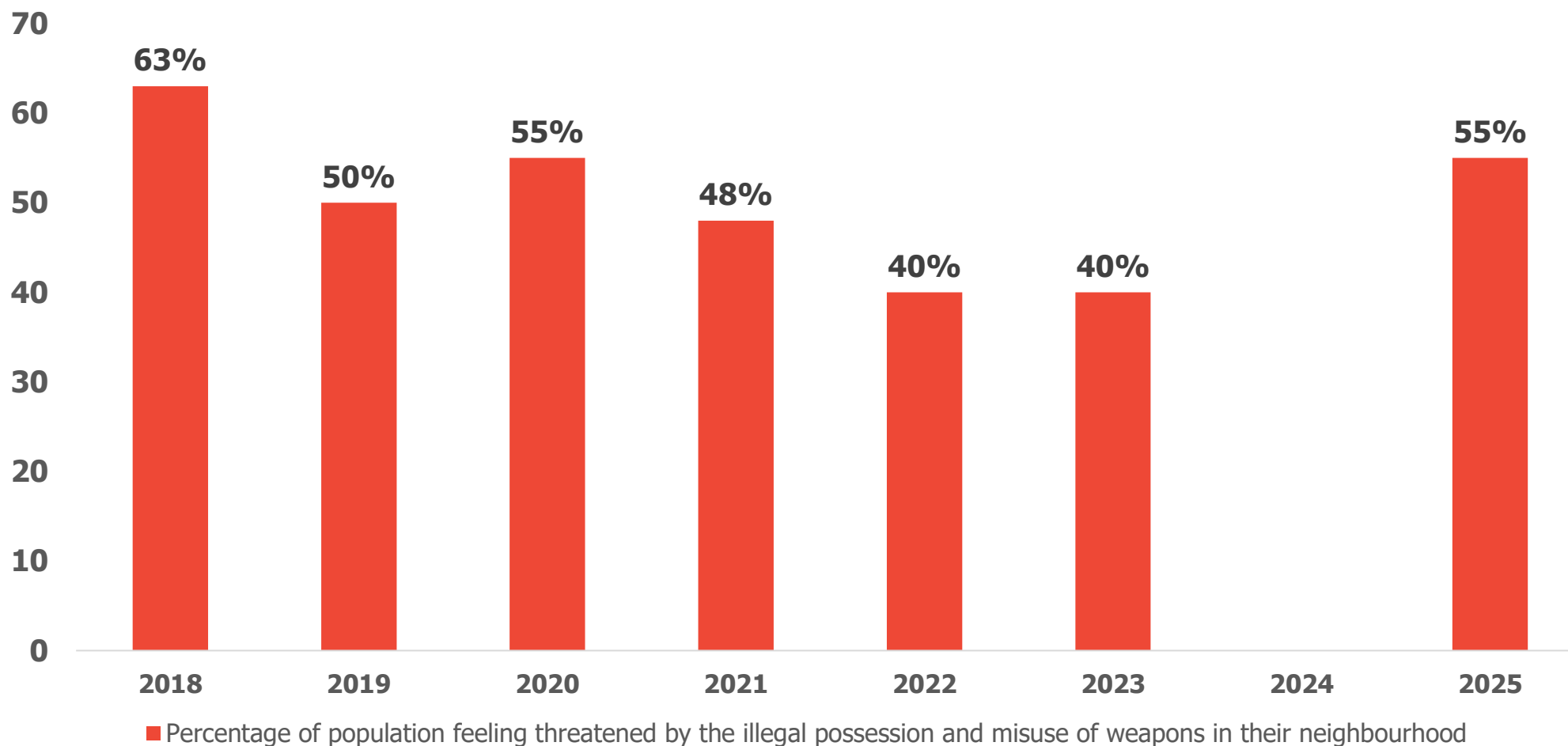
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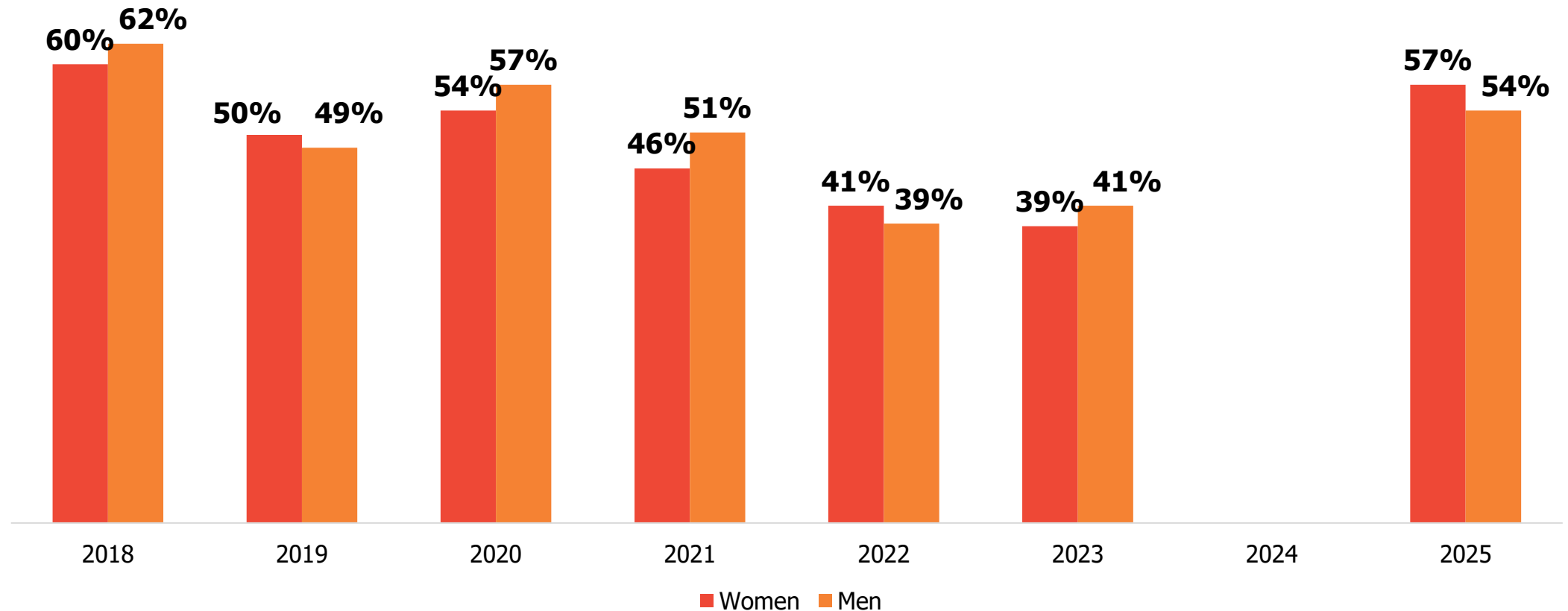
Number of victims affected by the misuse of weapons and explosives 2018-2025 (KPI 9)



KPI 13 Perception of threat by the illegal possession and misuse of weapons in the neighbourhood 2018-2025



KPI 13 Perception of threat by the illegal possession and misuse of weapons in the neighbourhood by gender 2018-2025





Goal 5

(KPIs 11 and 12)

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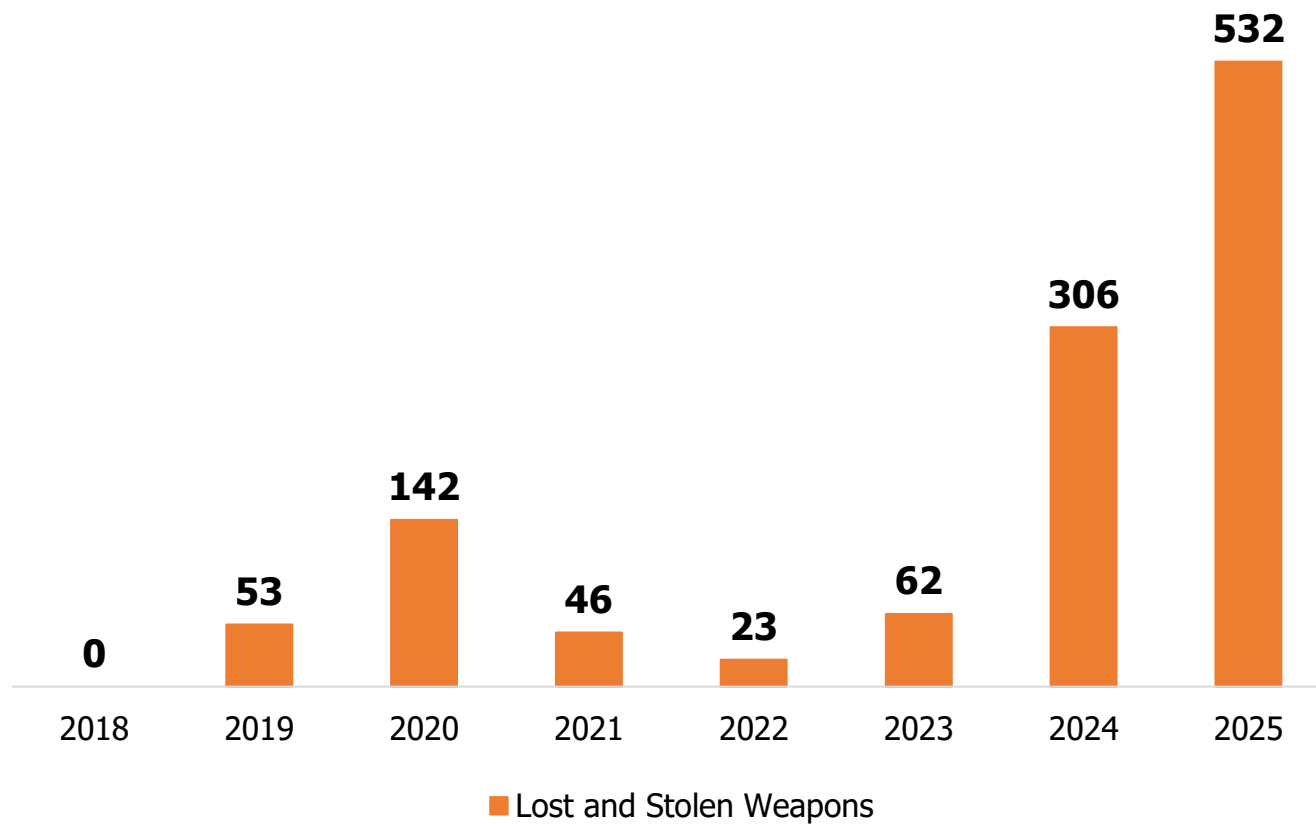
- **No surplus** of firearms and ammunition stockpiles therefore no destruction of surplus reported.
 - Reduced stock of confiscated weapons through the **destruction of 763 firearms** of various models and calibres.
 - No activities aimed at increasing safety and security of SALW storage facilities were reported.
 - In 2025, 516 firearms were reported as stolen (469 reported by private legal entities and 47 reported by civilians), and 16 were reported as lost (all reported by civilians).
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Number of Lost and Stolen Weapons 2018-2025

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