



ROADMAP

FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION,
MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024

10TH REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

19-20 DECEMBER 2023

Hotel Rogner, Tirana, and online via Zoom

Monday, 18 December 2023

19:00 Welcome Cocktail at Hotel Rogner

Tuesday, 19 December 2023

08:30 – 09:00 Meeting registration. Access to the online platform.
Link to access the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492379679>

09:00 – 09:50 **OPENING SESSION**

Remarks by:

- *H.E. Taulant Balla, Minister of Interior of Albania*
- *Mr. Stefan Tressing, Deputy Head of Division for Disarmament, Nonproliferation and Arms Control, European External Action Service (EEAS)*
- *H.E. Olivier Caron, Special Envoy for Counterterrorism and the Fight against Organized Crime, France*
- *Dr. Benedikt Zanker, Head of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany*
- *Ms. Steliana Nedera, Manager, UNDP's Istanbul Regional Hub*
- *Ms. Jorida Shytaj, Senior Political Advisor, Regional Cooperation Council*

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

09:50 – 10:45

SESSION I - UPDATE ON THE PROCESS OF ROADMAP REVISION AND KEY FINDINGS FROM THE 10th REGIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS

- Revision of the Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap and 10th Regional Progress Report - *Presentation by Ms. Juliana Buzi, Regional Cooperation Specialist, SEESAC*

Q&As

Chair: Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC

10:45– 11:15

Coffee break

11:15– 13:00

SESSION II - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 1 AND 2 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 1 and Goal 2 (related to the implementation of arms control evidence-based policies) of the Roadmap, including progress, key challenges and plans - *Briefings by SALW Commissions (7 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover, in particular, the status of implementation related to:

- *Adopting legal framework on the civilian and military use of firearms, ammunition and explosives aiming further harmonization with the EU Acquis;*
- *Strengthening of legal framework on firearms-related crimes in compliance with UN Firearms Protocol;*
- *Strategies/action plans in place on arms control;*
- *Integration of gender perspective into legal and policy framework;*
- *Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;*
- *Priorities and plans for the upcoming period.*

Discussion - Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Ms. Febe Liagre, EU's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs

13:00– 14:15

Lunch

14:15– 16:30

SESSION III - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 2 (cont.) AND 3 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 2 (related to investigations) and Goal 3 of the Roadmap, including progress, key challenges and plans - *Briefings by SALW Commissions (15 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover, in particular, the status of implementation related to:

- *Establishing (where relevant) and strengthening the capacities of the Firearms Focal Points;*
- *Strengthening of investigation capacities (including those for forensic examination) for firearm-related crimes;*
- *Preventing and countering misuse and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;*

- *Bilateral, regional and international operational cooperation on firearms-related crimes;*
- *Prosecution and adjudication of firearm-related crimes related to illicit manufacturing, trafficking, illicit possession and altering of markings;*
- *Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;*
- *Priorities and plans for the upcoming period.*

Discussion - Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Shawn DeCaluwe, Chief, FSC Support Section, OSCE Secretariat

16:30 **Conclusions of the day**

19:00 **Dinner**

Wednesday, 20 December 2023

09:00– 10:45

**SESSION IV - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 4 AND 5 OF THE ROADMAP –
PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS**

Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 4 and Goal 5 of the Roadmap, including progress, key challenges and plans - *Briefings by SALW Commissions (8 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover, in particular, the status of implementation related to:

- *Awareness and outreach among licensed private and legal entities, including FAE producers;*
- *Increasing awareness among the general population of the danger of misuse and illicit possession of FAE;*
- *Voluntary surrender, legalization and/or deactivation of firearms;*
- *Deactivation as a tool to reduce firearms in illegal possession;*
- *Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;*
- *Priorities and plans for the upcoming period.*

Discussion - Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Ermin Pešto, Assistant Minister, Head of SALW Coordination Board, Sarajevo

10:45– 11:15

Coffee break

11:15– 12:15

**SESSION V - IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 6 AND 7 OF THE ROADMAP –
PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS**

Updates on the status of the implementation of Goal 6 and Goal 7 of the Roadmap, including progress, key challenges and plans - *Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover, in particular, the status of implementation related to:

- *Disposal of surplus and confiscated firearms, ammunition and explosives;*
- *Improving the security infrastructure of armed forces and law enforcement SALW/firearms and ammunition storage facilities;*
- *Overseeing firearms and ammunition stocks of legal entities and individuals in possession of firearms;*

- *Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;*
- *Priorities and plans for the upcoming period.*

Discussion - Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Ms. Lidija Petrova Mojsovska, Head of Department, Ministry of Interior, Skopje

12:15– 13:15

SESSION VII - FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP

- Update on funding mechanisms and tools established or available in support of the implementation of the Roadmap (OSCE, NATO and UN);
- Updates by donors on current or new planned funding.

Chair: Ms. Jorida Shytaj, Senior Political Advisor, Regional Cooperation Council

13:15

Conclusions of the meeting