

Practical Information Note

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOR SOUTH EAST EUROPE OF THE EU ACTION PLAN ON FIREARMS TRAFFICKING 2020-2025, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP FOR COMPREHENSIVE SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS CONTROL IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Video-Conference format, 7 September 2021

Further to the adoption on 24 July 2020 of the 2020-2025 EU action plan on firearms trafficking, notably its specific actions for South East Europe and its cooperation with the EU, the European Commission will organize, in close cooperation with the Slovenian Presidency of the Council and the European External Action Service a high-level meeting on the implementation of relevant dispositions including the implementation of the Regional Road Map comprehensive Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) control.

This note provides an overview of the conference schedule, as well as information on logistical arrangements. Please note that all information may be subject to change.

Draft conference schedule

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| 8:30 – 9:30 | Registration of delegations |
| Ministerial session | |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | Opening remarks H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles, EU High Representative/Vice-president of the European Commission H.E. Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs H.E. Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement H.E. Aleš Hojs, Minister of Interior of Slovenia, on behalf of the Presidency of the Council |

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| 9:50 – 10:05 | Roadmap implementation: Presentation of results, including monitoring of the agreed 14 Key Performance Indicators UNDP / SEESAC |
| 10:05 – 11:05 | Statements by Western Balkan Ministers on respective progress towards reaching the Roadmap Goals and future implementation priorities (<i>10 minutes maximum per delegation</i>) |
| 11:05 – 11:25 | Regional Roadmap on combating illicit arms trafficking in the Western Balkans – three years of achievements Introduced by H.E. Heiko Maas, German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and H.E. Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the German and French Berlin Process co-presidency |
| 11:25 – 12:25 | Statements by EU Member States Ministers on future implementation priorities and on Roadmap implementation (2 to 3 minutes per delegation) |
| 12:25 – 12:30 | Closing remarks of morning Session H.E. Ylva Johansson, European Commissioner for Home Affairs |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break |
| Senior management Session: Presentation by third countries, international and regional organisations and EU Agencies of their contributions to implementation of the Roadmap, including funding options for future work | |
| 13:30 – 13:45 | Introduction by: Mr. Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General – Directorate General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) Mr Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director-General Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) Pawel Herczynski - Managing Director CSDP and Crisis Response (EEAS) |
| 13:45 – 15:15 | Interventions by delegations (maximum 5 minutes per delegation) |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Conclusions European Commission, European External Action Service |

I. Video Conferencing format

The video conference tool Interaction will be used for the meeting. The link to the meeting will be sent to all registered participants.

We are organizing a testing session to familiarize yourself with the tool on 2 September at 15h15 CET. To access this testing session, click [here](#).

II. Delegation composition

Delegations (1+2) are made up of:

- Ministerial level Head(s) of Delegation – EU MS and WB jurisdictions which wish to ensure attendance of both respective Ministers of Interior and Foreign Affairs may choose to have joint Heads of Delegation
- Officials (delegates) can register for passive connections on a need to know basis. More than one active connection per delegation can be issued also for interventions in the afternoon session if required.

As regards references to Western Balkans jurisdictions, all delegations are requested to employ language compatible with applicable UNSC Resolutions and further practice already established in the framework of the Berlin process. Likewise, delegations from Western Balkans jurisdiction will kindly refrain from displaying national symbols.

III. Delegation Accreditation Officer and delegate registration process

Please be reminded that registration is mandatory for all conference guests.

To register, we kindly ask you to click [here](#) and fill in the form.

IV. Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the following languages: Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin and Serbian, English, French, German, Macedonian,

V. Points of contact

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