



WESTERN BALKANS SALW CONTROL ROADMAP

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Berlin, 31 January 2020



ROADMAP COORDINATION & MONITORING

- A unique coordination and monitoring platform has been established with funding support through EU CD 2018/1788;
- Biannual **local** coordination meetings organized by the SALW Commissions, reviewing implementation of Roadmap Action Plans;
- Biannual **regional** roadmap coordination meetings organized by SEESAC, taking stock of implementation of Roadmap;
- Large participation of international organizations and donors in both regional coordination meetings in 2019;
- A unique reporting framework as per Key Performance Indicators and Roadmap Goals established in cooperation with SALW Commissions;
- Two progress reports have been submitted by all jurisdictions.

GOAL 1

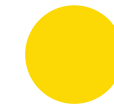
By 2023, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, fully harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standardized across the region.



GOAL1 PROGRESS



	Belgrade	Podgorica	Pristina	Sarajevo	Skopje	Tirana
Directive 2017/853 amending 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons	●	●	●	●	●	●
Regulation 258/2012 Article 10 of the (UN Firearms Protocol)	●	●	●	●	●	●
Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 establishing common guidelines on deactivation	●	●	●	●	●	●
Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/68 for the marking of firearms	●	●	●	●	●	●
Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/69 for technical specifications for alarm and signal weapon	●	●	●	●	●	●
Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors	●	●	●	●	●	●
Directive 2014/28/EU on the harmonization of the laws for supervision of civil use of explosives	●	●	●	●	●	●
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	●	●	●	●	●	●
Council Common Position 2003/468/CFSP on the control of arms brokering	●	●	●	●	●	●
Directive 2009/43/EC simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products	●	●	●	●	●	●
Directive 2009/81/EC for the award of certain works contracts, in the fields of defense and security	●	●	●	●	●	●
Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 for the control of dual-use items	●	●	●	●	●	●
Arms Trade Treaty	●	●	●	●	●	●
UN Firearms Protocol	●	●	●	●	●	●



IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(KPI 1)

- All jurisdictions have made progress in completing their legal framework and harmonizing it with EU Acquis;
- Relevant EU directives and regulations in the field of FAE identified;
- Tables of Concordances and gap analysis prepared;
- Working groups established and drafting of relevant laws initiated;
- Standardization of investigation procedures initiated.



GOAL 2

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



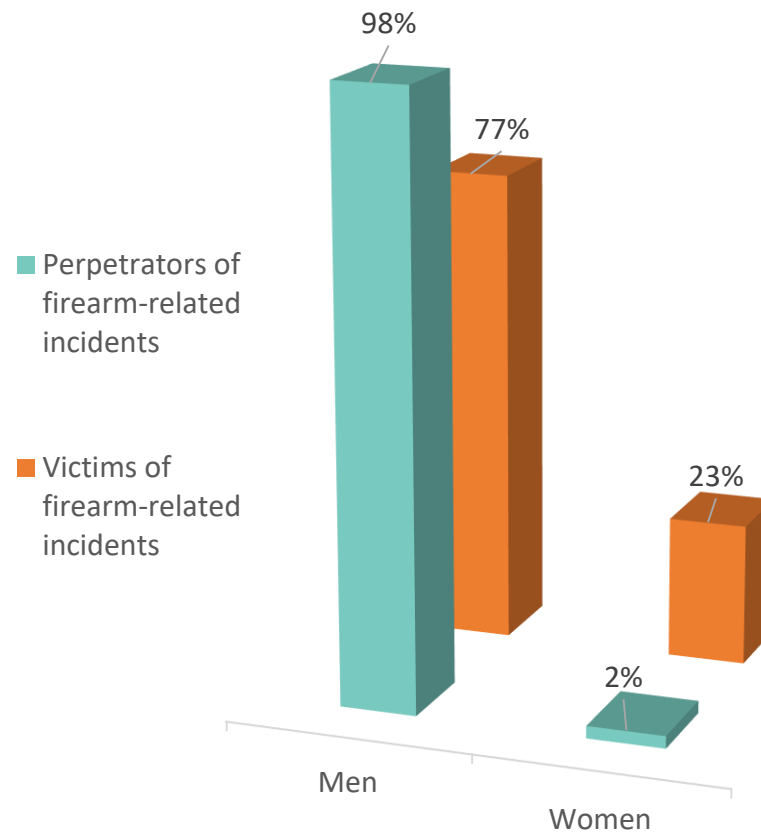
PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(KPI 2,3,7,8)

- Almost all SALW Commissions are in place with a strengthened role in coordinating and monitoring of the Roadmap activities;
- Roadmap Action Plans have been adopted by five jurisdictions.
- Progress made towards evidence-based policies and intelligence led operations includes:
 - *General SALW Surveys completed by each jurisdiction;*
 - *Establishment and operationalization of the FFPs ongoing in five jurisdictions;*
 - *Increased sharing of information with Europol (through SIENA) and use of support tools offered by EMPACT;*
 - *Tracing is becoming an integral part of investigations.*



- Progress in integrating gender in arms control policies



- Gender-responsive measures integrated in the action plans for the implementation of the Roadmap;
- Increased availability of sex-disaggregated data;
- 18 women were killed with firearms in domestic violence context in 2019.

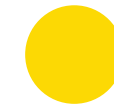


CHALLENGES

- Standardization of data exchange between law enforcement and criminal justice system on prosecutions and convictions;
- Full establishment and operationalization of FFPs in all jurisdictions;
- Limited human resources capacities at strategic and operational level;
- Legal basis for regional operational cooperation needs to be further advanced.

GOAL 3

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



IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(4,5,6,9)

During 2018 and first 6 months of 2019:



6,666
firearms



155,280
pieces of ammunition

were reported seized inland, while

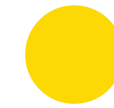


217
firearms



11,927
pieces of ammunition

were seized at the borders throughout the region.



IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(KPI 4,5,6,9)

- Intensified efforts by most jurisdictions in assessing the current capacities for countering firearms trafficking and illicit possession;
- Intensified cooperation with FRONTEX reported by several jurisdictions;
- Operational cooperation with EMPACT and participation in JADs reported;
- **None** of the jurisdictions reported identified cases of diversion of arms exports;
- All jurisdictions regularly attend the regional processes.



CHALLENGES

- Data under KPI 5 not available yet;
- Limited human and technical capacities of border and criminal police in detection of firearms;
- Level of cooperation between border and criminal police to be increased;
- Low number of convictions on illicit arms trafficking.

GOAL 4

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



NO RELEVANT PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(KPI 10,14)

- Awareness raising/outreach activities were reported, targeting licensed entities and FAE producers;
- Awareness raising activities on the danger of weapons targeting the general population reported by some jurisdictions (on use of firearms in domestic violence, celebratory shooting).



CHALLENGES

- During 2018 and first six months of 2019, there were **193** people killed, **134** injured and **372** who committed suicide reported in the Western Balkans.
- No awareness campaigns of a large scale (at jurisdiction level) have been initiated yet on dangers of misuse and illegal possession of firearms;
- In 2018, **40%** of people in the Western Balkans felt either very threatened or threatened by the illegal possession and misuse of weapons in their neighborhood. (source RCC Barometer)
- Lack of preventive work with young men who account for the majority of victims and perpetrators.

GOAL 5

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



IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS (KPI 11,14)

- Legalization of firearms reported ongoing in three jurisdictions in 2019;
- Four jurisdictions use deactivation as a method to reduce illegal possession of firearms - generally in small numbers;
- Voluntary surrender of weapons reported in five jurisdictions;
- During 2018 and first six months of 2019, a total of **47,234** firearms and **25,387** pieces of ammunition were voluntarily surrendered.

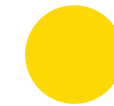


CHALLENGES

- Legalization is not used sufficiently as a method to reduce illegal possession;
- Deactivation is rarely used in Western Balkans;
- Re-registration of weapons - a long process.

GOAL 6

Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition



IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(KPI 12)

SALW/Firearms and ammunition destroyed (January 2018 – June 2019)

SURPLUS



10,101 pieces



14,585,285 pieces
3,116 tonnes

CONFISCATED



2,287 pieces



44,592 pieces



CHALLENGES

- Ensuring a sustainable life cycle management capacity.



GOAL 7

Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives



IN PROGRESS

PROGRESS AGAINST OVERALL TARGETS

(KPI 13)

- Progress reported and ongoing work in all jurisdictions towards enhancing security of military and law enforcement storages;
- Inspection systems reported to be in place and inspections conducted regularly on legal entities.

CHALLENGES

- Weapons lost and stolen by private or state agencies were reported by five jurisdictions in 2019;
- Cost benefit assessment and analysis of armament and ammunition storages security identified still a need;
- No data is provided regarding status of civilian storages by most jurisdictions.

ROADMAP RESOURCES MOBILIZED

2018-2020

EUROPEAN UNION..... EUR 15.8 mil

SUPPORT TO UNDP SEESAC, CD 2018/1788 EUR 4 mil/ USD 4.5 mil

SUPPORT TO UNDP SEESAC, CD 2019/2111 EUR 11.8 mil/ USD 13.2 mil

UN WB SALW CONTROL ROADMAP MPTF..... USD 9.8 mil

CONTRIBUTIONS

GERMANY EUR 4.5 mil/ USD 4.9 mil

UK GBP 2 mil/ USD 2.6 mil

FRANCE EUR 0.9 mil/ USD 1 mil

SWEDEN SEK 7 mil/ USD 0.7 mil

NORWAY NOK 1.6 mil/ USD 0.2 mil

IN THE PIPELINE

NORWAY NOK 3.4 mil/ USD 0.4 mil

THE NETHERLANDS EUR 1.5 mil/ USD 1.7 mil
(TBC)

ROADMAP RESOURCES MOBILIZED

2018-2020

FRANCE..... EUR 3.3 mil

UNDP BiH (CIAT project) EUR 1.5 mil
BILATERAL SUPPORT EUR 1.3 mil
UNODC approx. EUR 0.5 mil

GERMANY..... EUR 8.3 mil

UNDP FUNDING WINDOWS REGIONAL PROJECT EUR 5.5 mil/ USD 6.2 mil
NATO NSPA EUR 1 mil
OSCE EUR 1.8 mil

UNITED KINGDOM approx. GBP 0.96 mil

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, NABIS & EUROPOL approx. GBP 0.96 mil

POLAND..... EUR 41,022

OSCE EUR 41,022



OVERALL CHALLENGES

- Impact of elections processes throughout the region;
- Competing priorities in each jurisdiction;
- Limited administrative and institutional capacities compared to the multitude of actions and interinstitutional cooperation required;
- Coordination of resources to ensure effectiveness of interventions and complementarity of efforts;
- The efficiency of the criminal justice system.



OVERALL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Strong ownership and commitment by the authorities of the Western Balkans maintained;
- Strong and diversified funding support as well as increased awareness on the Roadmap implementation;
- Strong coordination and information sharing between institutions, donors and implementing partners engaged;
- The cooperation framework ensured by the Regional Cooperation Council;
- Expert support provided by the implementing international organizations in building sustainable capacities of the institutions.



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