

Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW in the Western Balkans by 2024

Monitoring Framework

(9th 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 will be 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;

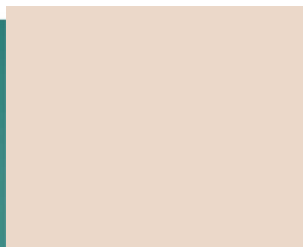
EU COUNCIL

Supported through the EU Council Decisions 2018/1788 and 2022/2321.

KEY DATES



9th Progress Report Covering 1 July – 31 December 2022



GOAL 3 OVERALL TARGETS

1. Ensure full implementation and monitoring of legal, policy and procedural framework on trafficking of FAE.
2. Prevent trafficking (smuggling, illicit trade and transit) of FAE through improved processes, equipment and training of targeted law enforcement units.
3. Substantially strengthen control, monitoring and prevention of diversion of legal trade through improved capacities, procedures and transparency.
4. Strengthen existing bilateral, regional and international mechanisms and encouraging new forms of good practice to counter trafficking of firearms.

9th Regional Roadmap Coordination Meeting 4-5 July 2023, Sarajevo



MID-TERM REVIEW

-KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS-

Roadmap **effectiveness** and **relevance** confirmed.

Challenges regarding **post-delivery verifications related to arms exports** highlighted.

Moderate **progress in harmonizing legislation with EU Acquis**.

Re-registration of weapons and high number of voluntary surrendered firearms as part of the re-registration process underlined.

MID-TERM REVIEW

-KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS-

A greater focus on **awareness, data management and analysis** capabilities.

Move beyond commitment to the principle of gender equality.

Additional emphasis on **full participatory** approach is recommended including the judiciary, MoD and civil society.

Prioritize **sustainability** during the final phase of Roadmap implementation.



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.

- Main laws on **civil use of firearms and ammunition** remain partially harmonized:
 - **Amendments to the Law on Weapons and Ammunition** adopted;
 - Amendments to the **bylaw related to deactivation** yet to be initiated.
- Work continues on drafting the **Law on Explosives**, to be adopted by end 2023;
 - No legal framework on **explosive precursors**.
- Legal framework on **military use of FAE** reported as fully harmonized with the EU Acquis;
- Work on drafting **Amendments to the Criminal Code** in progress.



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 Coordination Council** coordinating and monitoring activities under SALW Strategy (2019-2024);
 - Development of **Action Plan 2023-2024** initiated.
- **FFP** established and to be fully operational soon;
- Accreditation process of the **Ballistic laboratory** ongoing;
- Investigation capacities improved through training, the reconstruction of shooting range, study visits;
- Needs assessment of **CSI units** completed, to be followed by support in terms of equipment, SOP development, and training;



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.

- Assessment of capacities of criminal police conducted; SOPs developed; Procurement of equipment and training to follow.
- Regular use and exchange of information through **SIENA** and **iARMS** reported. Increased capacities related to access to iARMS reported.
- Participation in EMPACT SEE JAD and other operational actions reported.
- **Standardization and institutionalization of data collection and exchange** for law enforcement authorities remains a challenge;

KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reported cases during the reporting period	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>
Reported individuals during the reporting period	1,685	1,366	1,307	1,540	1,293
Dismissed charges against individuals	492	482	355	372	236
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	869	920	877	920	542
Solved in another way	363	208	359	135	24

- *No data on cases and individuals related to trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes.*



GOAL 3

PROGRESS REPORT

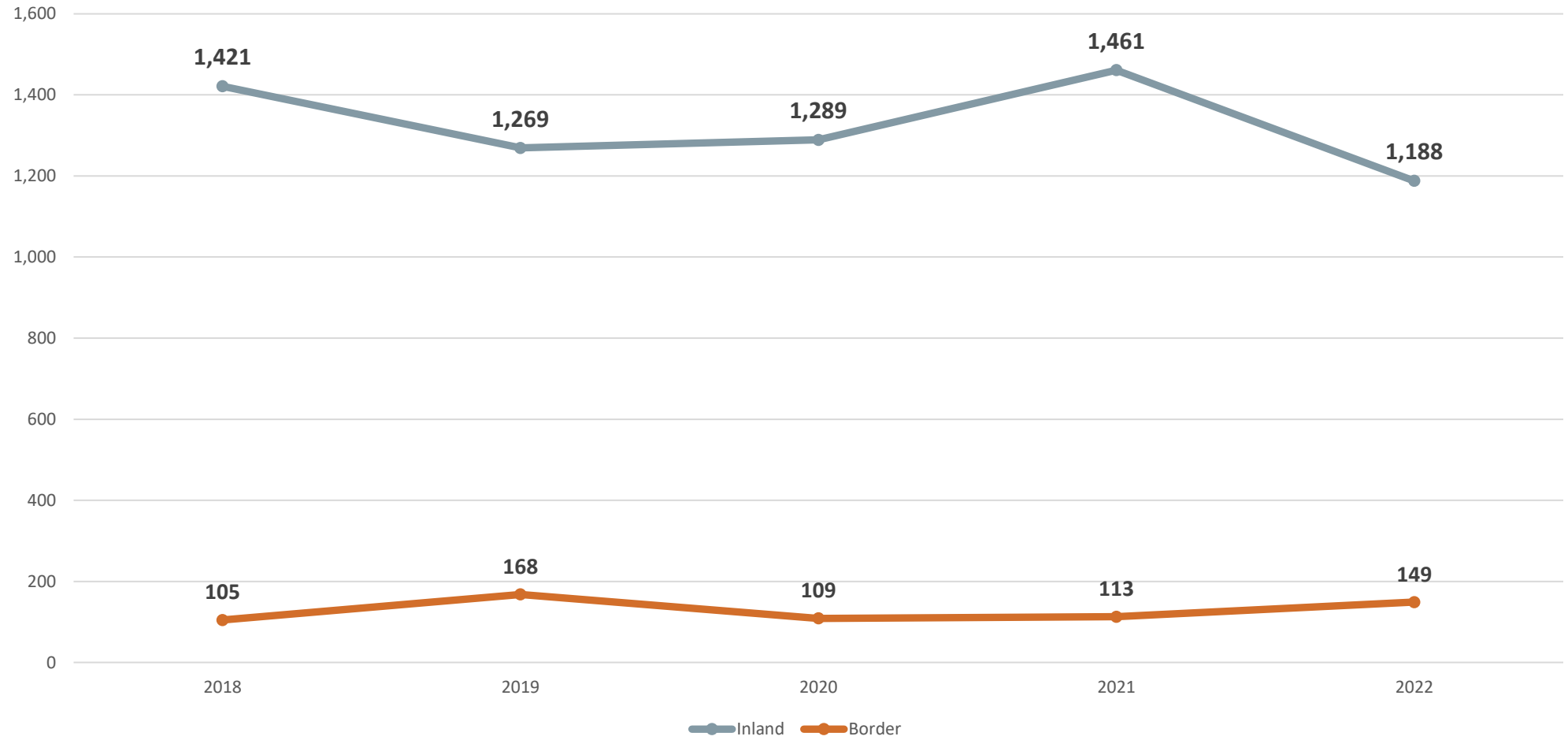
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

- Support to **border police** and **customs**:
 - Development of **SOPs to counter illicit arms trafficking conducted, procurement of equipment** initiated;
 - Strengthening **K-9 capabilities** in detecting weapons and explosives ongoing.
- **No cases of diversion** of arms exports were reported.
- Continued cooperation in countering trafficking of firearms with **INTERPOL, EUROPOL, EUROJUST** and **FRONTEX** reported;
- A higher number of **seizures** took place inland compared to those at the border.

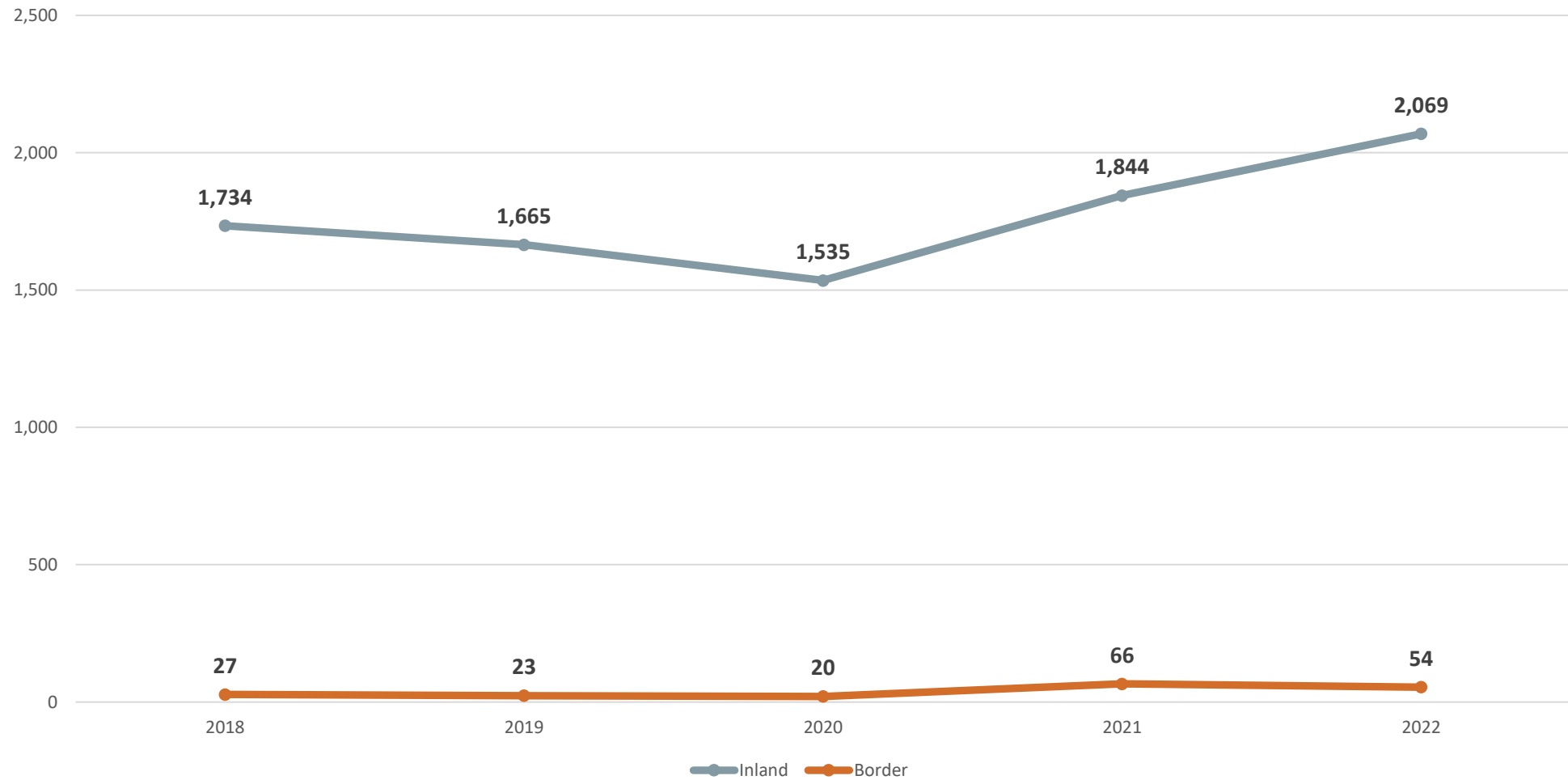
KPI 4

Cases of seized FAE



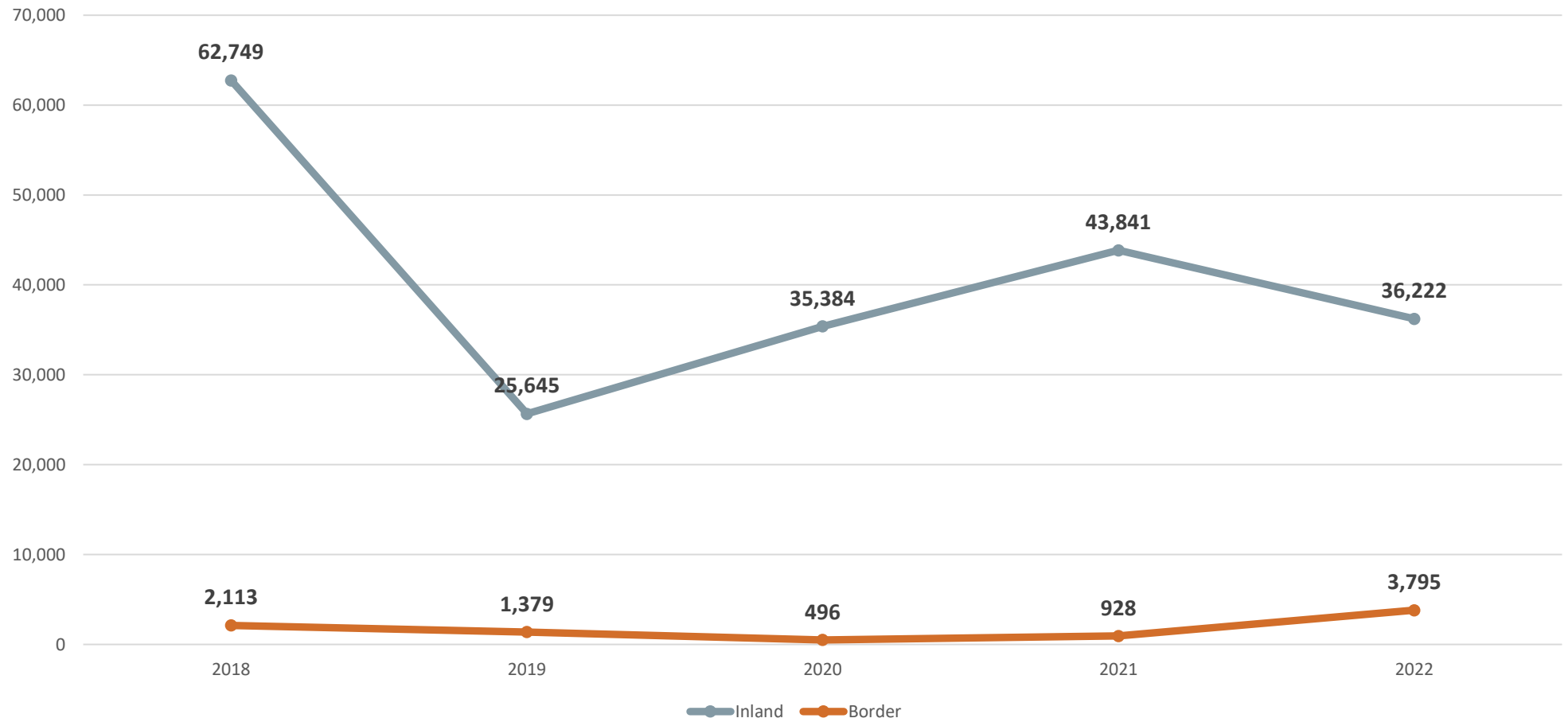
KPI 4

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.

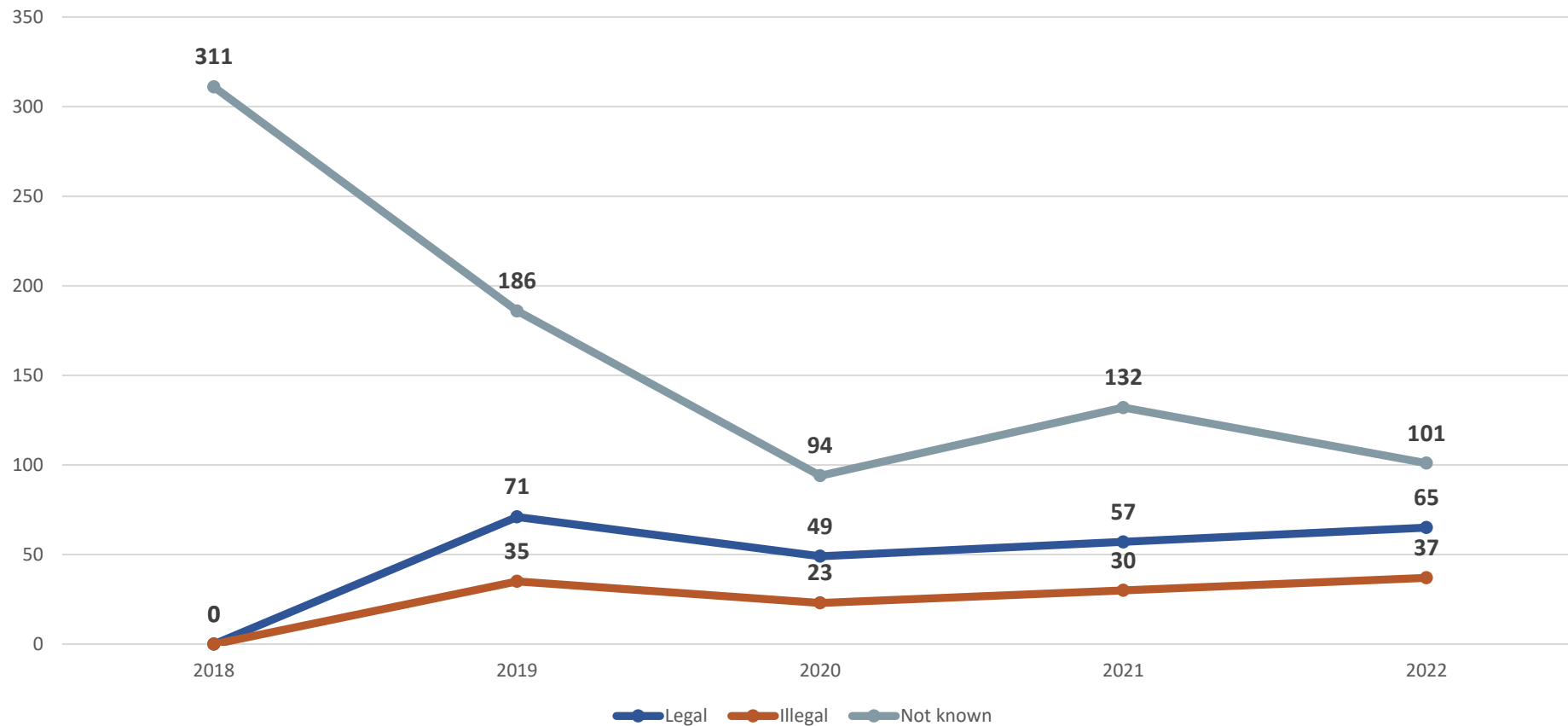
By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

- Limited activities related to **awareness raising, outreach and education** on the dangers and risks related to the misuse, illicit possession, and trafficking of firearms/SALW;
- Activities focusing on risks related to the diversion of legally exported weapons reported;
- Increased number of **voluntary surrender** of legal firearms (12,759 v 10,411); **No legalization of firearms** reported; **Re-registration** of firearms ongoing.
- Slightly increased number of **deactivated firearms** reported (546 v 427);

KPI 10

NUMBER OF FIREARM INCIDENTS

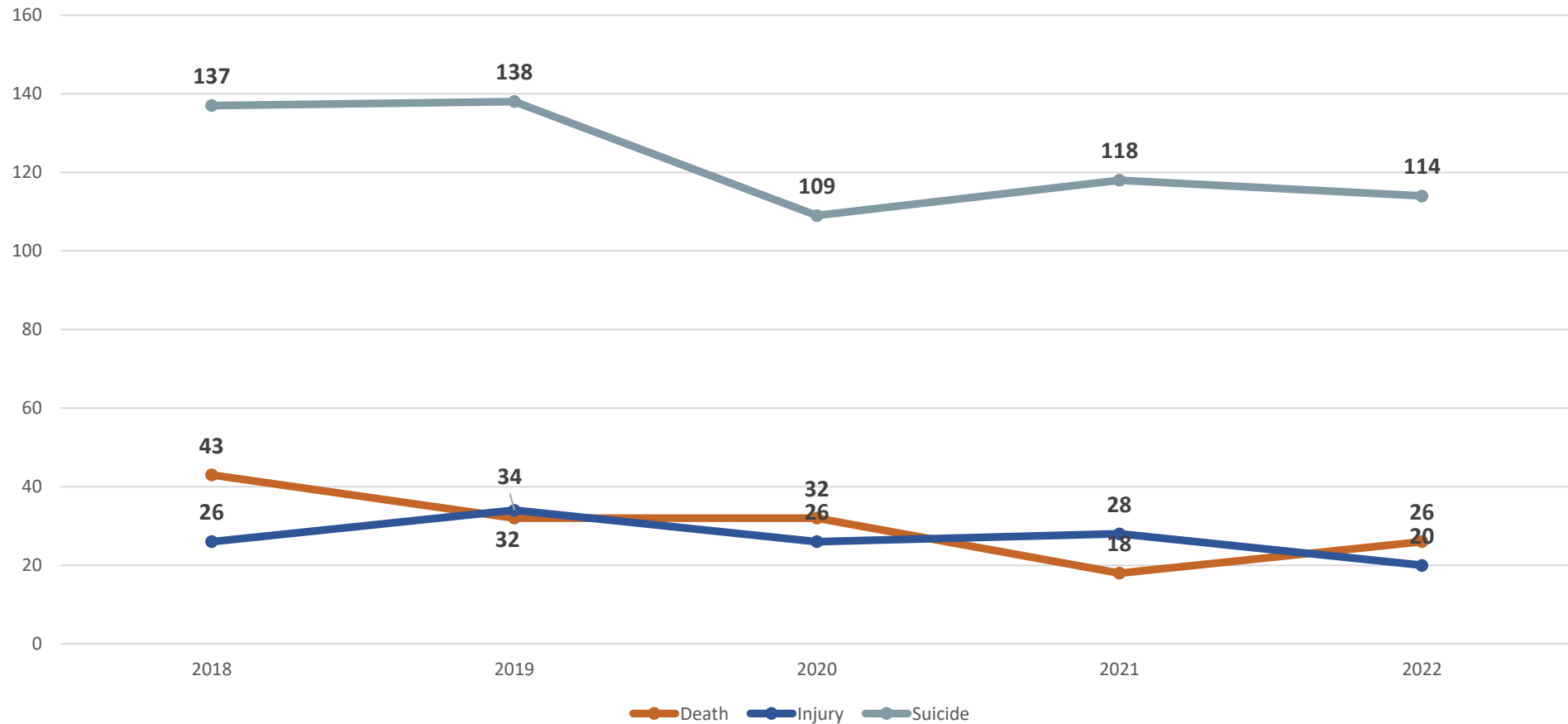
- Decreased number of firearm incidents.
- Higher number of incidents committed with **legal firearms**.



KPI 10

OUTCOME FOR VICTIMS

- Slightly increased number of **deaths**.
- Majority of suicides committed with **legal firearms**.





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.

- Destruction of **surplus ammunition** reported.
 - Regular **inspections of legal and private entities.**
 - Continued work on **increasing security infrastructure** of Mol's storage location and evidence rooms;
 - Higher number of weapons reported **lost/stolen** (1,830 v 1,541); Majority in civilian possession.
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