

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.

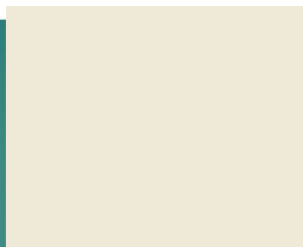
EU COUNCIL

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

KEY DATES



9th Progress Report Covering 1 July – 31 December 2022



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



ROADMAP MID-TERM REVIEW

-KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS-

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

Strong **local ownership** and **strengthened role** of SALW Commission.

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

Limited progress in reducing the supply, demand, and misuse of firearms through voluntary surrender, deactivation and legalization.

ROADMAP 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 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.
- Ongoing work on drafting bylaws in support of the law on weapons, explosives for civil use and the supervision of pyrotechnic;
- **Review of the Criminal Code ongoing after the analysis on compliance** with the UN Firearms Protocol;



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 Commission coordinating and monitoring activities of SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2024).
- Participation in Gender and SALW related activities reported at regional level.
- Police Case Management System in place, not fully operational for FAE related crimes.



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.

- **Virtual FFP established** and actively engaged in collecting, analysing and sharing data on firearms.
- Continued improvement of investigation capacities through procurement of equipment, development of SOPs and provision of relevant training. CSIs needs assessment reported.
- Regular use of **SIENA** and **iARMS** reported. Increased capacities related to access to iARMS reported.
- Accreditation of the ballistic lab is still ongoing. Evofinder System fully operational and data transfer ongoing.

KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reported cases during the reporting period	386	479	534	348	481
Reported individuals during the reporting period	249	449	514	281	359
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	197	123	180	77	335
Solved in another way	<i>No data</i>	24	0	<i>No data</i>	3*

Data on cases solved in another way was not available in II-2022.

KPI 3

Trafficking of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reported cases during the reporting period	34	13	13	9	14
Reported individuals during the reporting period	35	8	12	18	3
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	3	5	10	4	8
Solved in another way	<i>No data</i>	0	0	<i>No data</i>	0*

Data on cases solved in another way was not available in II-2022.



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.

Engagement, exchange of information and operational cooperation with EUROPOL, INTERPOL and FRONTEX is reported;

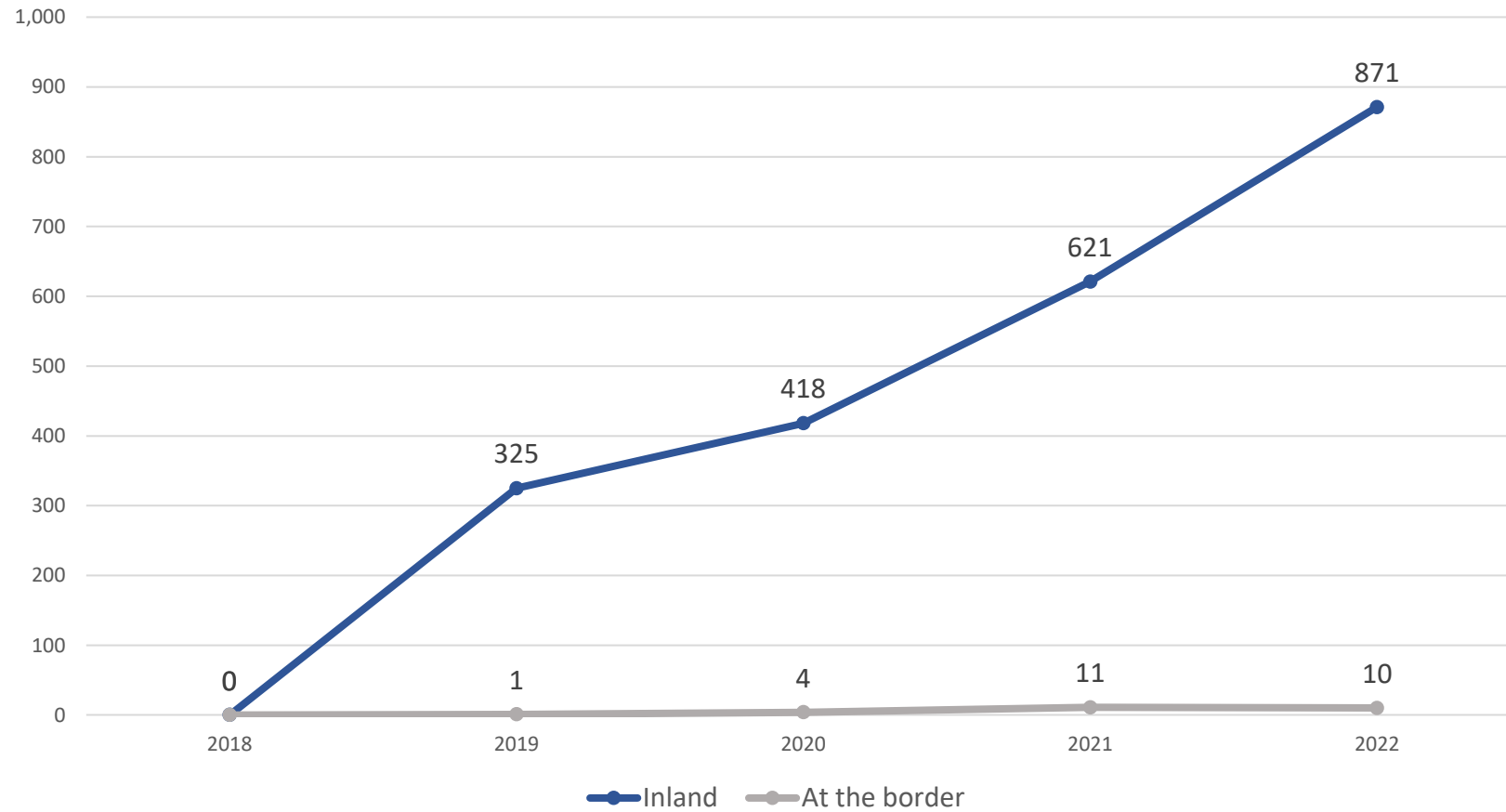
Authorities report participation in four international operational actions.

Capacity building and support activities for better detection of firearms reported focusing on criminal police and border police.

No cases of diversion of weapons and ammunition reported.

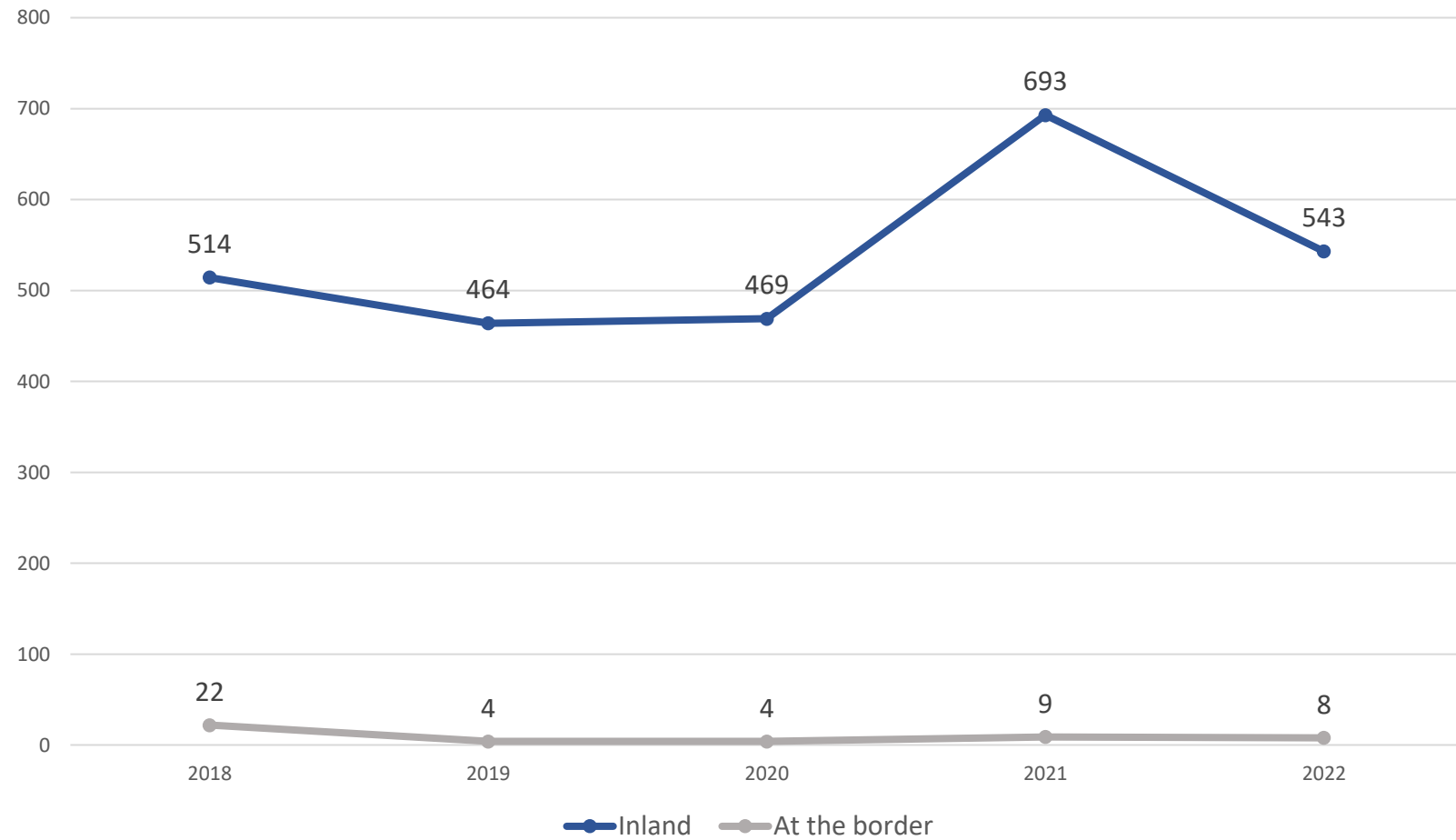
KPI 4

Cases of seized FAE



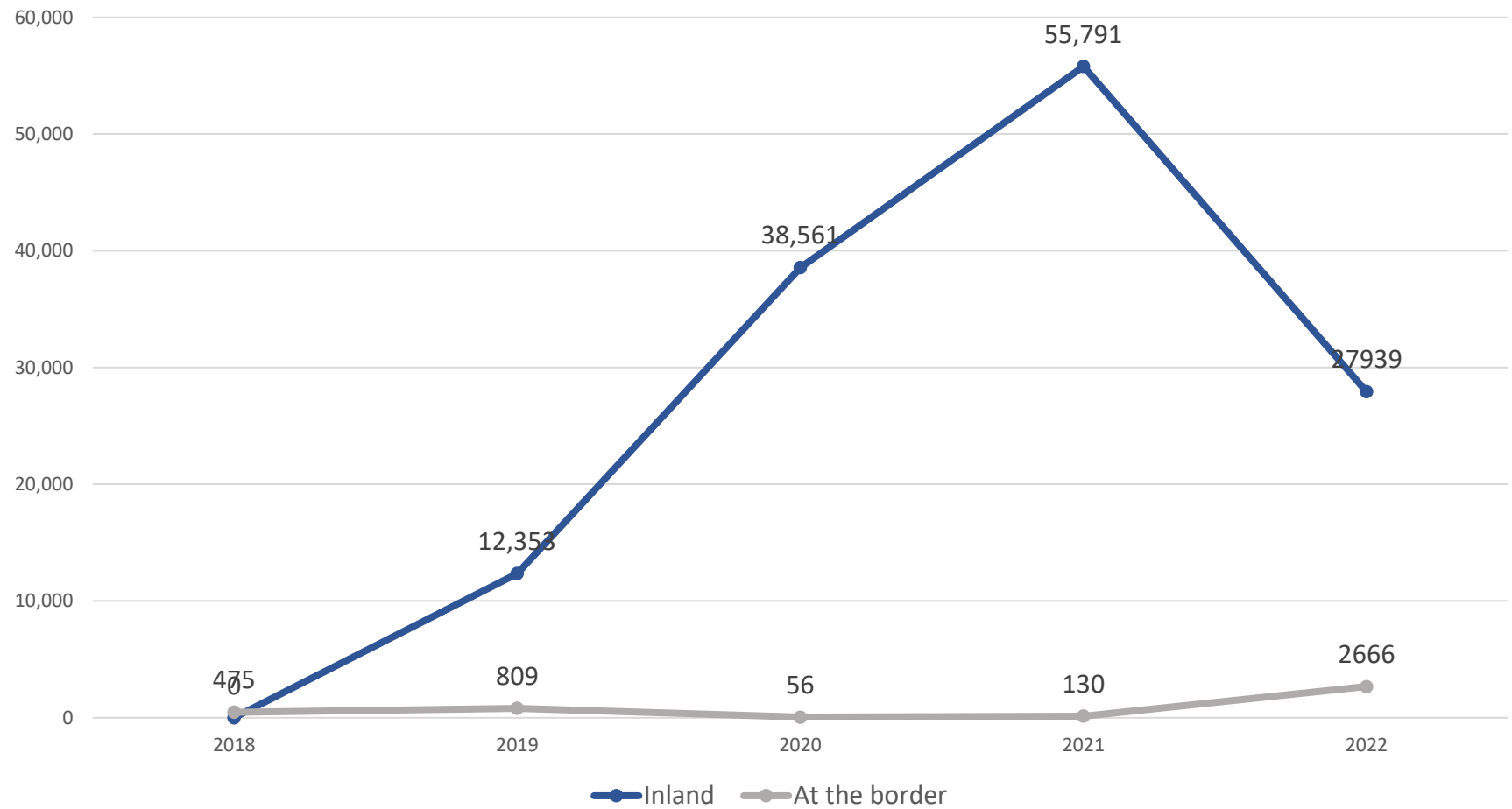
KPI 4

Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)



KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)





GOALS 4 & 5

PROGRESS REPORT

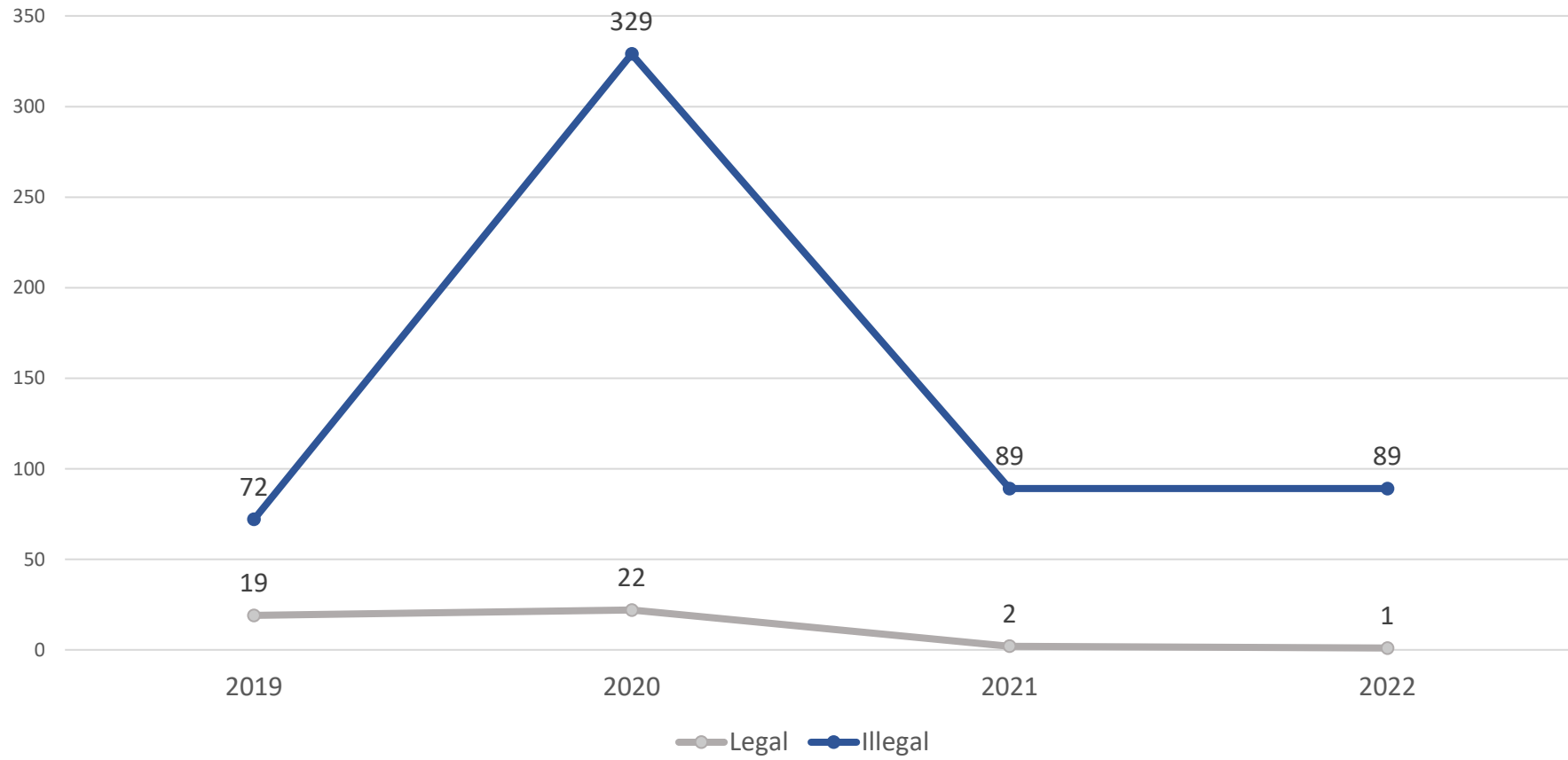
(KPI 10 & 11)

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.

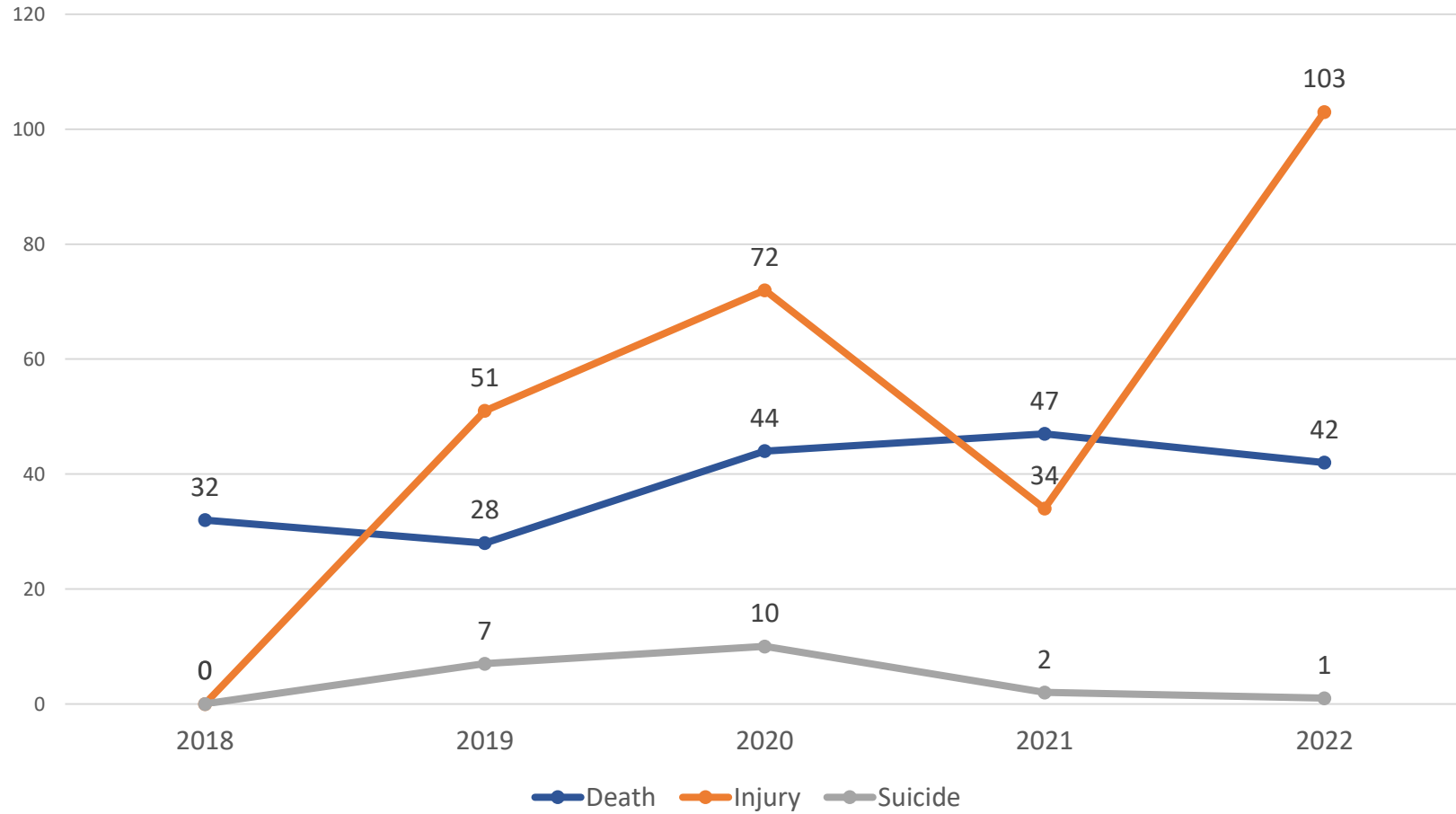
- Planning of awareness activities to reduce illicit possession and misuse of weapons reported.
- Reduction of illicit firearms through **legalization, voluntary surrender, and deactivation** did not take place during the reporting period.
- SEESAC's AVMP has recorded the highest number of firearm incidents in the context of organized crime with. Among the jurisdictions with the highest number of domestic violence incidents in II-2022.

KPI 10



Data was not available in I-2022.

KPI 10





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.

- The authorities reported destruction of SALW/firearms and explosives collected through confiscations.
- **Ad hoc inspections** of relevant legal entities and individuals dealing with firearms reported;
- **No firearms** reported as lost in II 2022 – **1 firearm** reported as stolen.
- Activities to upgrade the security infrastructure of a significant number of police evidence rooms throughout the country reported as ongoing.



THANK YOU