

THE WESTERN BALKANS SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS CONTROL ROADMAP

2018-2030

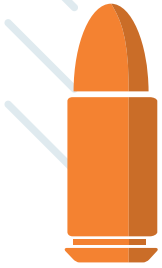


The Roadmap for a sustainable solution to arms control in the Western Balkans envisages the Western Balkans as a safer region where comprehensive and sustainable mechanisms, fully harmonized with the European Union and other international standards, are in place to identify, prevent, control and prosecute the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives. It is based on regional cooperation principles.

The Roadmap was developed by the Western Balkans authorities under the auspices of Germany, France and the EU with SEESAC support and in consultation with all relevant actors. The adoption of the document is the result of a record-breaking five-month consultation process, started in Podgorica on 1 February 2018 at the high-level meeting Reinforcing commitments towards SALW control in South East Europe. The process was followed by consultations at the local level in all jurisdictions across the region, agreed in Tirana at the 9th Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Commissions Meeting and adopted at the Western Balkans London Summit held on 10 July 2018.

With the completion of Phase I by end of 2024, the revised text of the Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW), their ammunition, and explosives in the Western Balkans 2025-2030 was endorsed by the Western Balkans Ministers of Interior during the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs, on 28 October 2024.

ROADMAP GOALS



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| GOAL 1 | By 2030, ensure that arms control legislation is in place, harmonized with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standardized across the region. | | |
| GOAL 2 | By 2030, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are in place, evidence-based and intelligence-led. | GOAL 4 | By 2030, significantly reduce the supply, demand, illicit possession and misuse of arms, ammunition and explosives through the means of prevention. |
| GOAL 3 | By 2030, significantly reduce misuse, illicit manufacturing, illicit possession, and illicit flows of weapons, ammunition and explosives (WAE). | GOAL 5 | By 2030, substantially decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion through improved safety and security of the stockpiles and disposal of weapons, ammunition and explosives. |

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 1 Level of harmonization or compliance of legal framework on arms control with the EU regulatory framework, the Arms Trade Treaty and the UN Firearms Protocol.
- 2 Level of compliance with the Roadmap of the SALW Strategies/Action Plans, which are evidence-based and gender-responsive.
- 3 Level of law enforcement, as well as prosecutorial services and judiciary response related to weapons, ammunition and explosives incidents/events.
- 4 Number of cases and quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives seized inland compared to the number of cases and quantity of weapons ammunition and explosives seized at the borders.
- 5 Number of reported cases and quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives seized at the borders of the European Union and traced to the Western Balkans, and the number of reported cases and quantity of those seized within the European Union and traced to the Western Balkans.
- 6 Number of export licenses from which arms and ammunition were identified as diverted through post-shipment control procedure.
- 7 Number of Firearms Focal Points established and operational.
- 8 Level of operational cooperation in the fight against firearms-related crimes among authorities in the region, EU Member States and international agencies.
- 9 Number of incidents and victims involving weapons and explosives, disaggregated by sex and age.

2025 STATUS OF

HARMONIZATION OF LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITH EU ACQUIS, ARMS TRADE TREATY AND UN FIREARMS PROTOCOL



- Harmonized
- Partially harmonized
- Not harmonized
- Not sure / not known



- 10** Number of weapons, ammunition and explosives voluntarily surrendered, as well as firearms legalized or deactivated.
- 11** Number of reported weapons, ammunition, and explosives (confiscated, voluntarily surrendered or surplus) systematically destroyed.
- 12** Number of weapons, ammunition and explosives owned by 1) institutions, 2) private legal entities, and 3) civilians reported lost or stolen.
- 13** Percentage of citizens feeling threatened by the illegal possession and misuse of weapons.

| CIVIL USE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION | BELGRADE | PODGORICA | PRISTINA | SARAJEVO | SKOPJE | TIRANA |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| DIRECTIVE (EU) 2021/555 ON CONTROL OF THE ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| DIRECTIVE 2019/68 FOR THE MARKING OF FIREARMS | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| DIRECTIVE 2019/69 FOR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALARM AND SIGNAL WEAPONS | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| REGULATION 2018/337 ESTABLISHING COMMON GUIDELINES ON DEACTIVATION | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| REGULATION 258/2012 ARTICLE 10 OF THE UN FIREARMS PROTOCOL | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| CIVIL USE OF EXPLOSIVES | BELGRADE | PODGORICA | PRISTINA | SARAJEVO | SKOPJE | TIRANA |
| DIRECTIVE 2014/28/EU ON EXPLOSIVES FOR CIVIL USE | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| DIRECTIVE 2014/58 FOR SETTING UP A SYSTEM FOR TRACEABILITY OF PYROTECHNIC ARTICLES | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| DIRECTIVE 2013/29/EU ON PYROTECHNICS | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| DIRECTIVE 2008/43 FOR SETTING UP A SYSTEM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY OF EXPLOSIVES FOR CIVIL USES | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| REGULATION 2019/1148 ON EXPLOSIVE PRECURSORS | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| MILITARY USE OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES | BELGRADE | PODGORICA | PRISTINA | SARAJEVO | SKOPJE | TIRANA |
| COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) 2021/821 FOR THE CONTROL OF DUAL-USE ITEMS | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| COUNCIL COMMON POSITION 2008/944/CFSP DEFINING COMMON RULES GOVERNING CONTROL OF EXPORTS OF MTE | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| THE LATEST COMMON MILITARY LIST OF THE | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| COUNCIL COMMON POSITION 2003/468/CFSP ON THE CONTROL OF ARMS BROKERING | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| ARMS TRADE TREATY | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| UN FIREARMS PROTOCOL | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

WB SALW CONTROL ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION IN NUMBERS (2018-2025)

COUNTERING TRAFFICKING OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Seized inland

Seized at the
borders

 FIREARMS

41,304 **1,362**

 AMMUNITION

1,319,332 **103,581**

 EXPLOSIVES – PIECES

4,373 **112**

 EXPLOSIVES – KG

4,547 **285.9**

SEIZED FIREARMS

| | Inland | At the borders |
|------|--------|----------------|
| 2018 | 4,807 | 139 |
| 2019 | 4,932 | 76 |
| 2020 | 4,690 | 103 |
| 2021 | 5,357 | 153 |
| 2022 | 5,204 | 171 |
| 2023 | 5,893 | 350 |
| 2024 | 4,792 | 192 |
| 2025 | 4,629 | 178 |

SEIZED AMMUNITION

| | Inland | At the borders |
|------|---------|----------------|
| 2018 | 107,762 | 6,835 |
| 2019 | 122,928 | 9,135 |
| 2020 | 153,932 | 8,482 |
| 2021 | 277,511 | 16,256 |
| 2022 | 127,526 | 18,062 |
| 2023 | 182,406 | 11,956 |
| 2024 | 196,446 | 12,750 |
| 2025 | 150,821 | 20,105 |

SALW / FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION DESTROYED (2018 – 2025)

FIREARMS

Surpluses

46,491

Confiscated

23,640

AMMUNITION PIECES

Surpluses

15,816,033

Confiscated

179,780

+ AMMUNITION TONNES

Surpluses

5,337

FIREARMS VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED, LEGALIZED AND DEACTIVATED (2018-2025)

 NUMBER OF VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED FIREARMS

313,851

 NUMBER OF VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED AMMUNITION

4,422,016

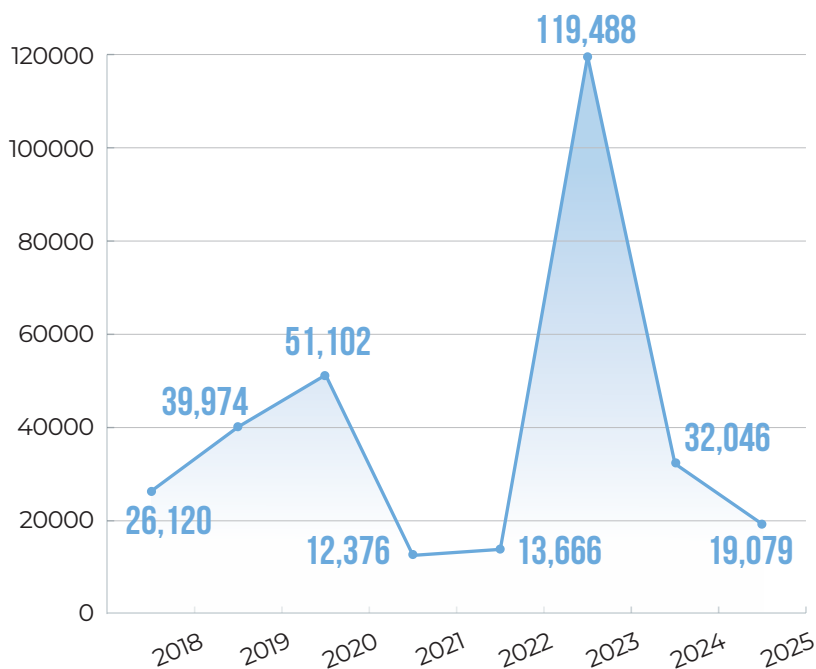
LEGALIZED FIREARMS

4,477

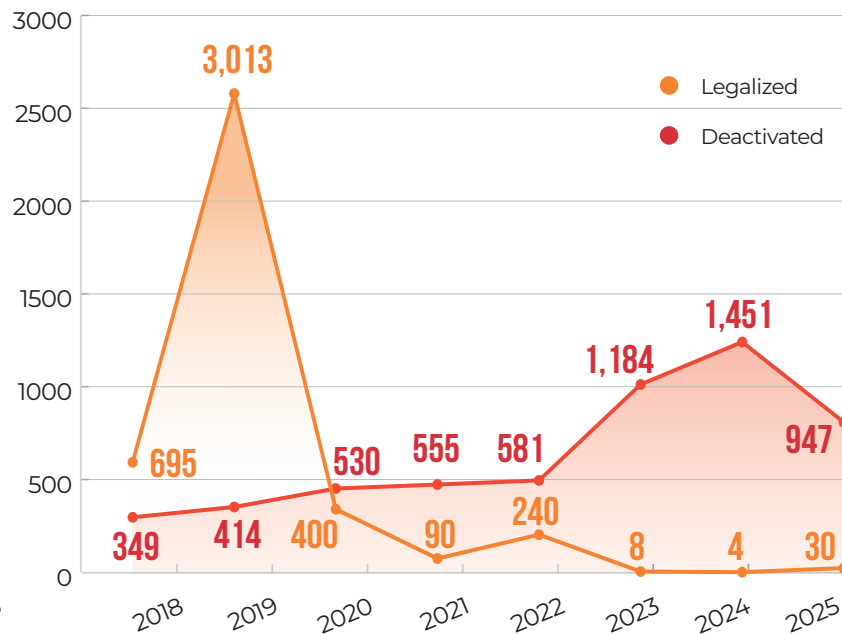
DEACTIVATED FIREARMS

6,011

VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED FIREARMS


































LEGALIZED AND DEACTIVATED FIREARMS

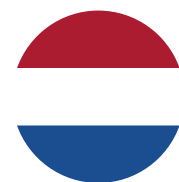
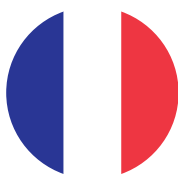


KEY IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



| GOAL 1 | GOAL 2 | GOAL 3 | GOAL 4 | GOAL 5 |
|--|--|---|--|--|
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