



ROADMAP

FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION,
MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION

IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024

7th REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

5-6 JULY 2022

*DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Skopje,
North Macedonia and online via Zoom*

Monday, 4 July 2022

19:30 Welcome Cocktail at DoubleTree by Hilton Rooftop

Tuesday, 5 July 2022

08:30–09:00 Meeting registration. Access to the online platform. Link to access the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=1682SPKg7D9xETkiOq15Y>

09:00–10:00 OPENING SESSION

Remarks by:

- *H.E. Oliver Spasovski, Minister of Interior, Republic of North Macedonia*
- *H.E. Ambassador David Geer, Head of European Union Delegation to Skopje*
- *H.E. Jean-Claude Brunet, Ambassador-at-large on transnational criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of SALW, France*
- *Mr. Albrecht von Wittke, Director of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany*
- *Mr. Gerd Trogemann, Manager, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub*
- *Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council*

Chair: *Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC*

10:00–10:40 SESSION I – 7th REGIONAL ROADMAP PROGRESS REPORT – KEY FINDINGS

- 7th Regional Roadmap Progress Report/Key findings on the progress of Roadmap implementation – *Presentation by Ms. Juliana Buzi, Regional Cooperation Specialist, SEESAC*

Chair: *Ms. Bojana Balon, Head of SEESAC*


10:40–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 SESSION II – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 1 & 2 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

Updates on the status of implementation on Goal 1 and Goal 2 (related to implementation of arms control evidence-based policies) of the Roadmap, including progress, key challenges and plans – *Briefings by SALW Commissions (7 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover in particular status of implementation related to:

- o *Adopting legal framework on the civilian and military use of firearms, ammunition and explosives aiming further harmonization with the EU Acquis;*



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.

GOAL 2

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

- o Strengthening of legal framework on firearms related crimes in compliance with UN Firearms Protocol;
- o Strategies/action plans in place on arms control and coordination and monitoring mechanisms of arms control;
- o Integration of gender perspective into legal and policy framework;
- o Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;
- o Priorities and plans for the upcoming period;

Discussion – Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Ms. Febe Liagre, Policy Officer, EU's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs

13:00–14:30 **Lunch**

14:30–16:30 **SESSION III – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 2 (Cont.) &3 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS**

Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 2 (related to investigations) & Goal 3 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans – *Briefings by SALW Commissions (10 mins per briefing, including any intervention from Prosecution Offices).*

Updates should cover in particular status of implementation related to:

- o Establishing and strengthening the capacities of the Firearms Focal Points;
- o Strengthening of investigation capacities (including those for forensic examination) for firearm related crimes;
- o Preventing and countering trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives;
- o Bilateral, regional and international operational cooperation and exchange of information on firearms related crimes;
- o Prosecution and adjudication of firearm related crimes related to illicit manufacturing, trafficking, illicit possession and altering of markings;
- o Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;
- o Priorities and plans for the upcoming period;

Discussion – Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Besfort Lamallari, Deputy Minister of Interior/Head of SALW Commission, Tirana.

16:30–16:45 **Conclusions of Day 1**

GOAL 3

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

Wednesday, 6 July 2022

08:30–10:10 SESSION IV – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 4&5 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

Updates on the status of implementation of Goal 4&5 of the Roadmap including, progress, key challenges and plans – *Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover in particular status of implementation related to:

- o *Awareness and outreach among licensed private and legal entities, including FAE producers;*
- o *Increasing awareness among general population, of the danger of misuse and illicit possession of FAE;*
- o *Voluntary surrender and/or legalization of firearms;*
- o *Deactivation as a tool to reduce firearms in illegal possession;*
- o *Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;*
- o *Priorities and plans for the upcoming period;*

Discussion - Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Mr. Ermin Pešto, Assistant Minister of Security, Sarajevo

10:10–10:30 Coffee break

10:30–11:45 SESSION V – IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL 6&7 OF THE ROADMAP – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, PLANS

Updates on status of the implementation of Goal 6&7 of the Roadmap including progress, key challenges and plans – *Briefings by SALW Commissions (6 mins per briefing)*.

Updates should cover in particular status of implementation related to:

- o *Surplus and confiscated firearms, ammunition and explosives as well as activities related to their destruction;*
- o *Improving the security infrastructure of armed forces and law enforcement SALW/ firearms and ammunition storage facilities;*
- o *Overseeing firearms and ammunitions stocks of legal entities and individuals in possession of firearms;*
- o *Any specific area under these goals where progress is considered to be slow and key challenges faced in the implementation;*
- o *Priorities and plans for the upcoming period;*

Discussion – Regional/International organizations are encouraged to contribute to discussions related to the updates by each SALW Commission.

Chair: Ms. Lidija Petrova Mojsovska, Head of Department, Ministry of Interior, Skopje

GOAL 4
By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

GOAL 5
By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

GOAL 6
Systematically decrease the surplus and destroy seized small arms and light weapons and ammunition.

GOAL 7
Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

11:45–12:30

**SESSION VI – FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ROADMAP**

- Update on funding mechanisms and tools established or available in support of the implementation of the Roadmap (OSCE, NATO and UN)
- Updates by donors on current or new planned funding

Chair: Mr. Amer Kapetanović, Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

12:30–12:45

Conclusions of the Meeting