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

Monitoring Framework

(7th 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;

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);

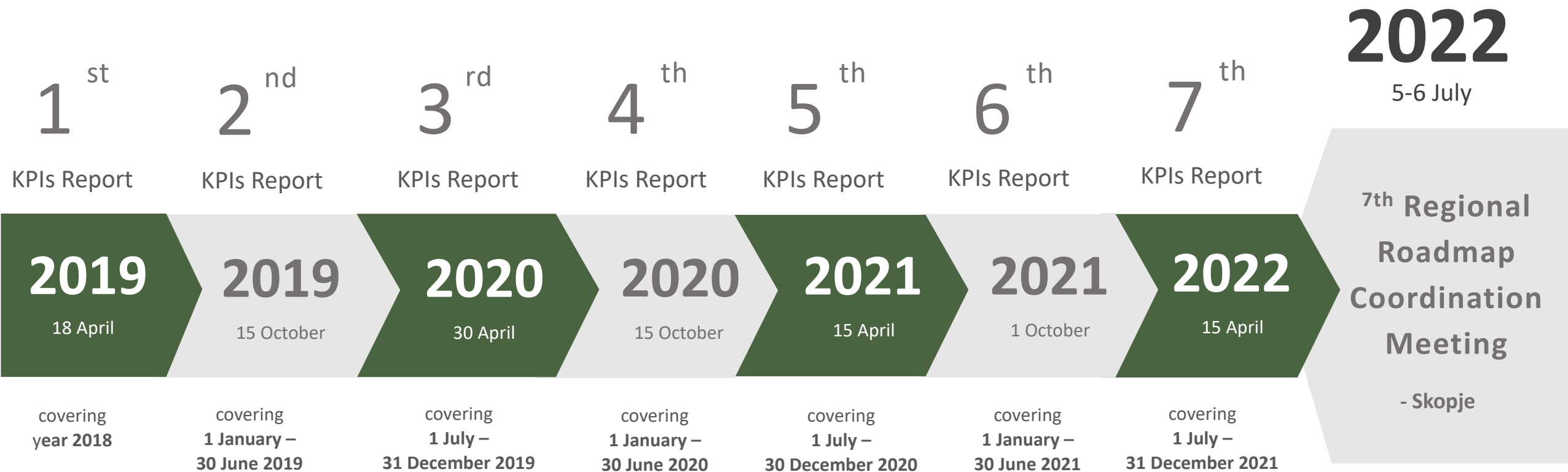
SEESAC

SEESAC is integrating the data into a regional report that is shared regularly with the EU, other donors, regional and international partners;

EU COUNCIL

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KEY DATES



MID-TERM REVIEW

- To provide a thorough understanding of the progress made in achieving the goals of the roadmap and in establishing sustainable capacities for the illegal possession, misuse, and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition.
 - The review will look at the following key aspects at the regional and jurisdictions' level:
 - progress in the implementation of the Roadmap Goals, against the overall targets and the set timelines;
 - progress in building sustainable capacities for effective SALW control;
 - the challenges and gaps identified in the implementation of the Roadmap;
 - mapping of assistance provided by donors and implementing partners in the implementation of the Roadmap.
 - The mid-term review will document lessons learned to provide recommendations on each of the above aspects.
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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 reported as **partially or not harmonized**:
 - **Law on Control of Exports of Dual-Use Goods** adopted;
 - **Amendments to the Law on weapons** still pending adoption;
 - Amendments supporting legislation including on deactivation, marking of firearms, alarm and signal weapons yet to be initiated;
 - Legislative framework on **civil use of explosives and pyrotechnics** yet to be harmonized;
 - No legal framework on **explosive precursors**;
 - Adoption of **amendments to the Criminal Code** expected by the end of 2022.
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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 in place coordinating and monitoring the SALW Control Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2024);
- **Firearms Focal Point** established and operational in data collection and analysis, preparation of intelligence reports on firearms-related crimes;
- **Accreditation of the ballistic laboratory** in process;
- Gap analysis on crime and forensic investigations of explosive incidents conducted; **Drafting of SOPs** and **procurement of equipment** reported as ongoing;
- Regular exchange of information through Interpol's iARMS and Europol's SIENA;
- No unified information exchange system in place between police, prosecutor's office and courts; **Limited data on KPI 3 and KPI 8;**

KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021
Reported cases during the reporting period	<i>No data</i>	40	279	202
Reported individuals during the reporting period	368	329	252	226
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	274	281*	176	152
Solved in another way	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>	<i>No data</i>

*Data was not available in I-2019.

No cases of trafficking of FAE, illegal manufacturing, altering marking or other related crimes reported.



GOAL 3

PROGRESS REPORT

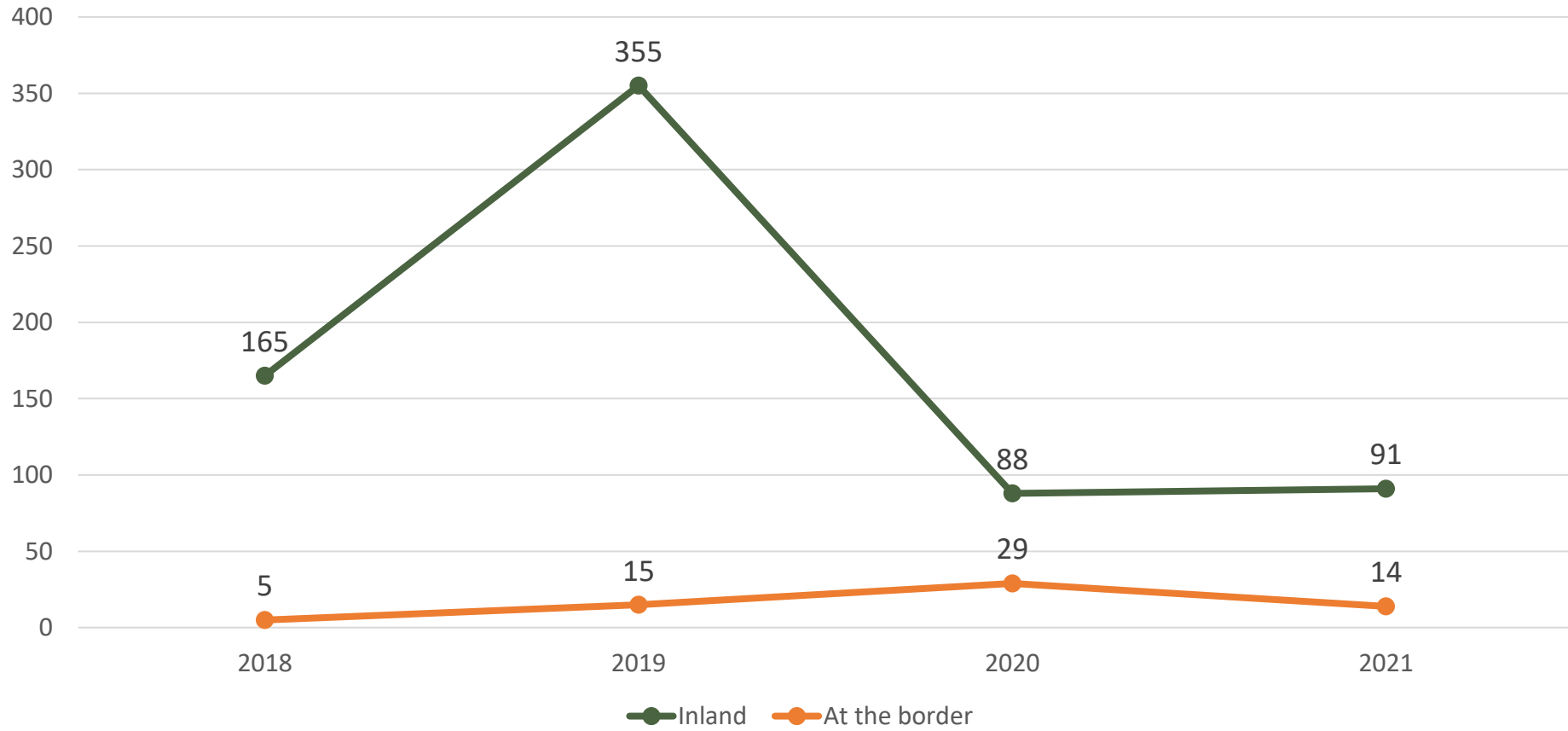
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

- Continued strengthening of the capacities of criminal police reported:
 - **Needs assessment** conducted in June 2021; To be followed by drafting of SOPs and procurement of equipment;
 - **Equipment for detection of explosives** procured and delivered;
 - Development of **SOPs for border police** finalized; To be followed by procurement of relevant equipment;
 - Continued **operational cooperation** with Europol, Interpol and WB jurisdictions; Participation in EMPACT's JAD reported;
 - **No reported cases of diversion** from legal trade of arms and ammunition;
 - Number of **inland seizures** continues to be **much higher** than those reported at the **borders**.
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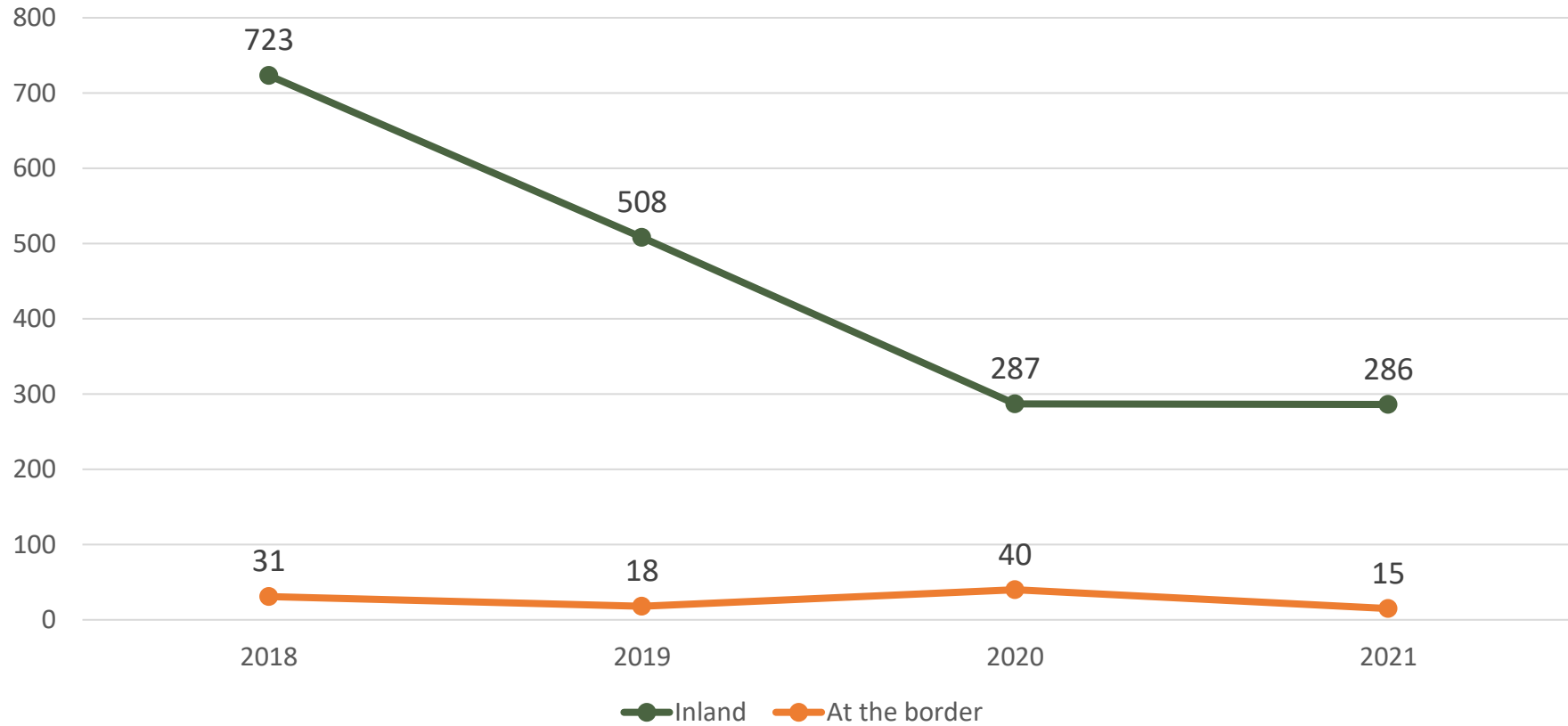
KPI 4

Cases of seized FAE



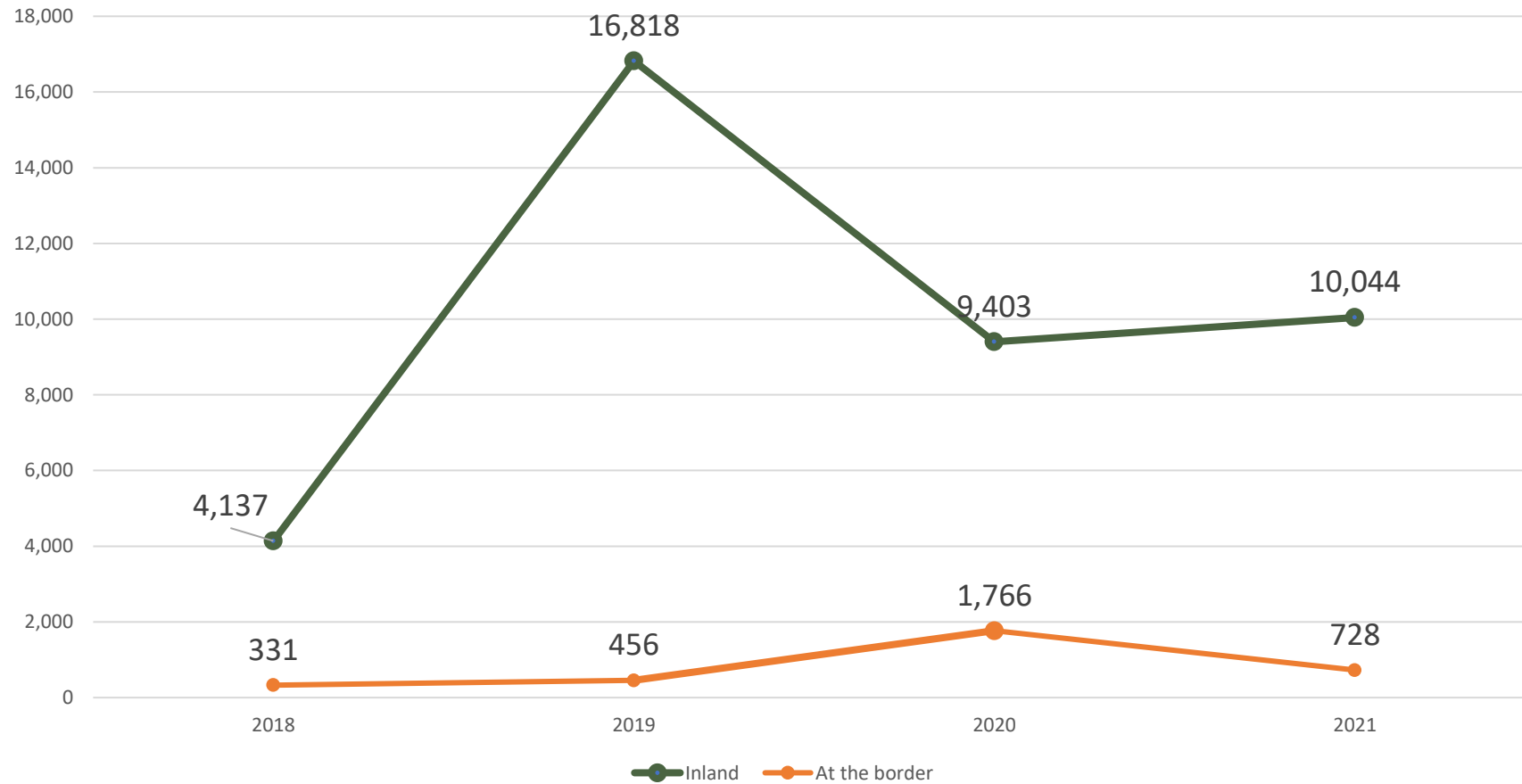
KPI 4

Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)



KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)





GOALS 4&5

PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 10 & 11)

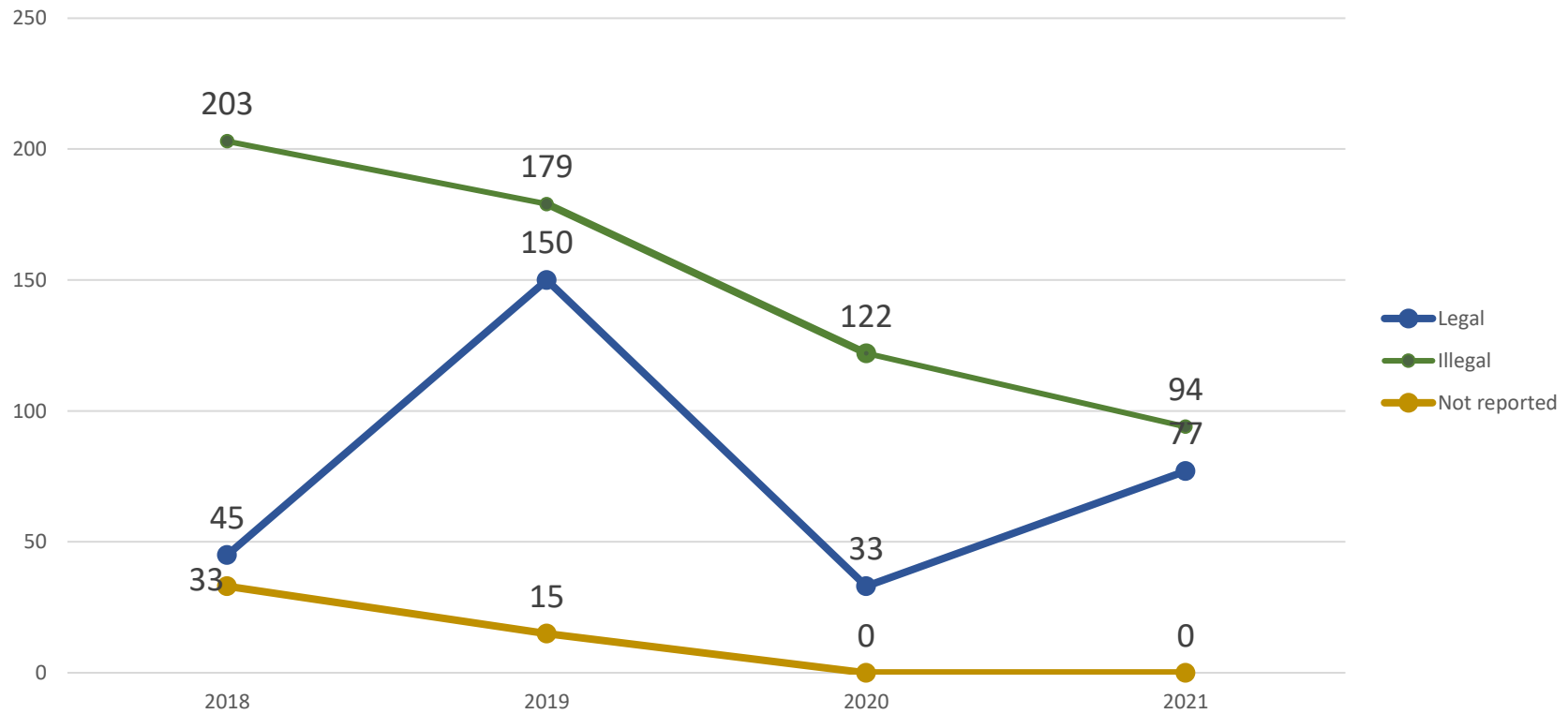
By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

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

- **Limited awareness raising and outreach activities** continue to be reported;
 - Need for support in implementing **activities targeting weapons producers, sellers and other licensed entities** continues to be reported;
 - Number of **voluntary surrendered firearms and ammunition is low** and on decrease since 2018;
 - **No legalization of firearms** reported since 2018;
 - **Low number of deactivated firearms** reported; Operational guidelines for the Commission inspecting the deactivated weapon prepared;
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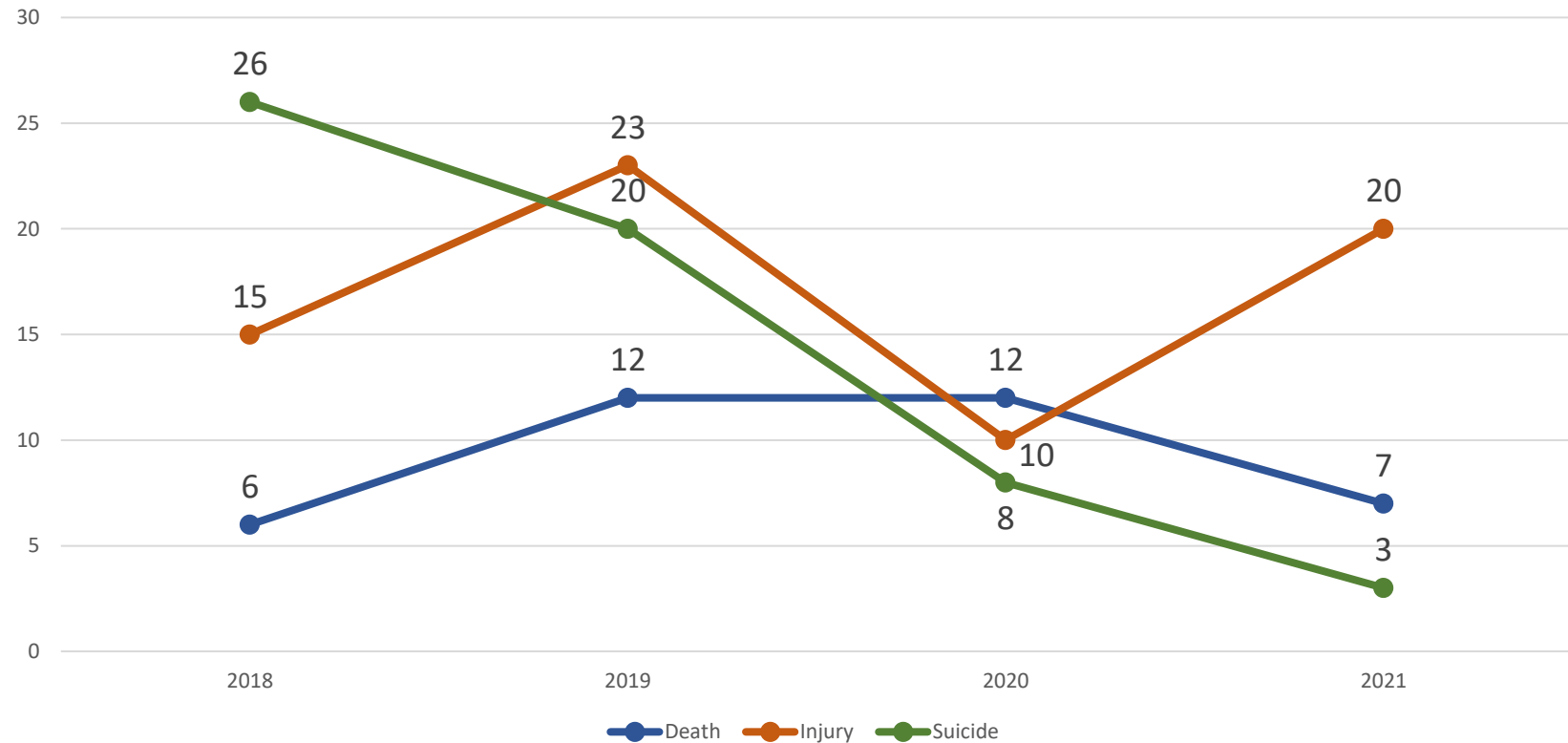
KPI 10

- Increase in the number of incidents compared to 2020;
- Significant increase of incidents committed with **legal** firearms.



KPI 10

- Number of injured victims is on the increase;
- Majority of victims continue to be men;





GOALS 6&7

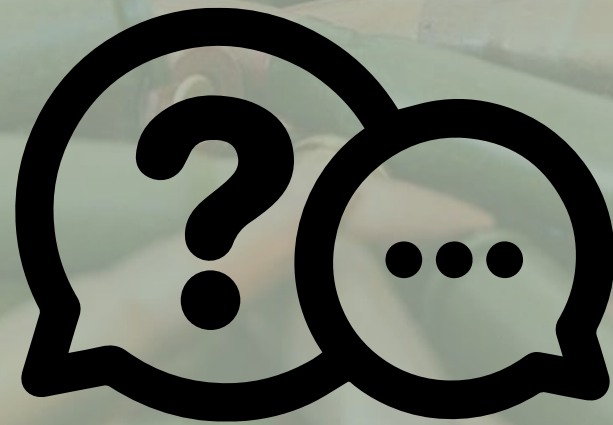
PROGRESS REPORT

(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.

- **No destruction** of confiscated or surpluses of SALW and ammunition reported; Continued disposal of unexploded ordnance;
- **Ad hoc inspections** of relevant legal entities reported;
- Number of **firearms reported lost/stolen** is on the increase since 2019;
- Security infrastructure of **one storage** and **three evidence rooms** of law enforcement improved;
- **Improvement of capacities for testing the chemical stability of gunpowder and rocket fuels** planned;



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