



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

Monitoring Framework

(13th Progress Reports)

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ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION

Monitoring & Coordination Platform

Monitoring

SALW Commissions submit progress reports on biannual and annual basis;

- Annual KPI Report (1 January – 31 December 2024);
- Biannual Roadmap narrative reports (1 January – 31 December 2024);

SEESAC integrates the data and information into a regional report.

Coordination

- Local Coordination Meetings
 - Regional Coordination Meetings (Sarajevo, 8-9 July 2025)
 - Multi Partner Trust Fund
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ROADMAP (2019-2024) FINAL REVIEW

- The review will look at the following key aspects at the regional and jurisdictions' level:
 - progress in the implementation of the Roadmap Goals during the first phase and follow up to the Mid-term Review recommendations;
 - the challenges and gaps identified in the implementation of the Roadmap's first phase;
 - mapping of support in the implementation of the Roadmap.
- To be completed by end of 2025.





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 or not harmonized**, while those on civil use of explosives remain **not harmonized**.
- Several cantons report intensification of efforts in drafting the **amendments to main legal frameworks**.
- Amendments Criminal Code reported as drafted.



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 Board** active in coordinating and monitoring activities under the **SALW Control Strategy**;
- **SALW Control Strategy 2025–2030** and the accompanying **Action Plan 2025–2027** were adopted;
- A number of activities aiming to address gender concerns related to firearms were reported at the cantonal and central level;
- Efforts in improving record keeping of weapons in legal possession reported as ongoing;
- **Firearms Focal Point/s**
 - A draft Memorandum of Understanding reported as under preparation.
- **Joint Contact Point with Europol** continued to be operational;



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.

- **Participation in** the intelligence phase of JAD SEE 2024 operations was reported.
 - Analysis of the technical capacities of ballistic laboratories in several cantons and Brcko District reported in this period.
 - Strengthen of the **Criminal Police** capacities:
 - provision of equipment,
 - development of SoPs,
 - participation in training,
 - cross-border cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions.
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KPI 3

Illegal possession of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Reported cases during the reporting period	112	152	296	209	215	52	229
Reported individuals during the reporting period	116	145	314	179	211	57	253
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	9	11	16	6	6	50	118
Solved in another way	<i>No data</i>	1	1	0	2	<i>No data</i>	1

KPI 3

Trafficking of FAE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Reported cases during the reporting period	1	6	No data	21	49	7	8
Reported individuals during the reporting period	9	17	No data	14	58	7	11
Solved with conviction (adjudicated)	No data	1	No data	0	0	0	<i>1</i>
Solved in another way	No data	1	No data	0	0	No data	0



GOAL 3

PROGRESS REPORT

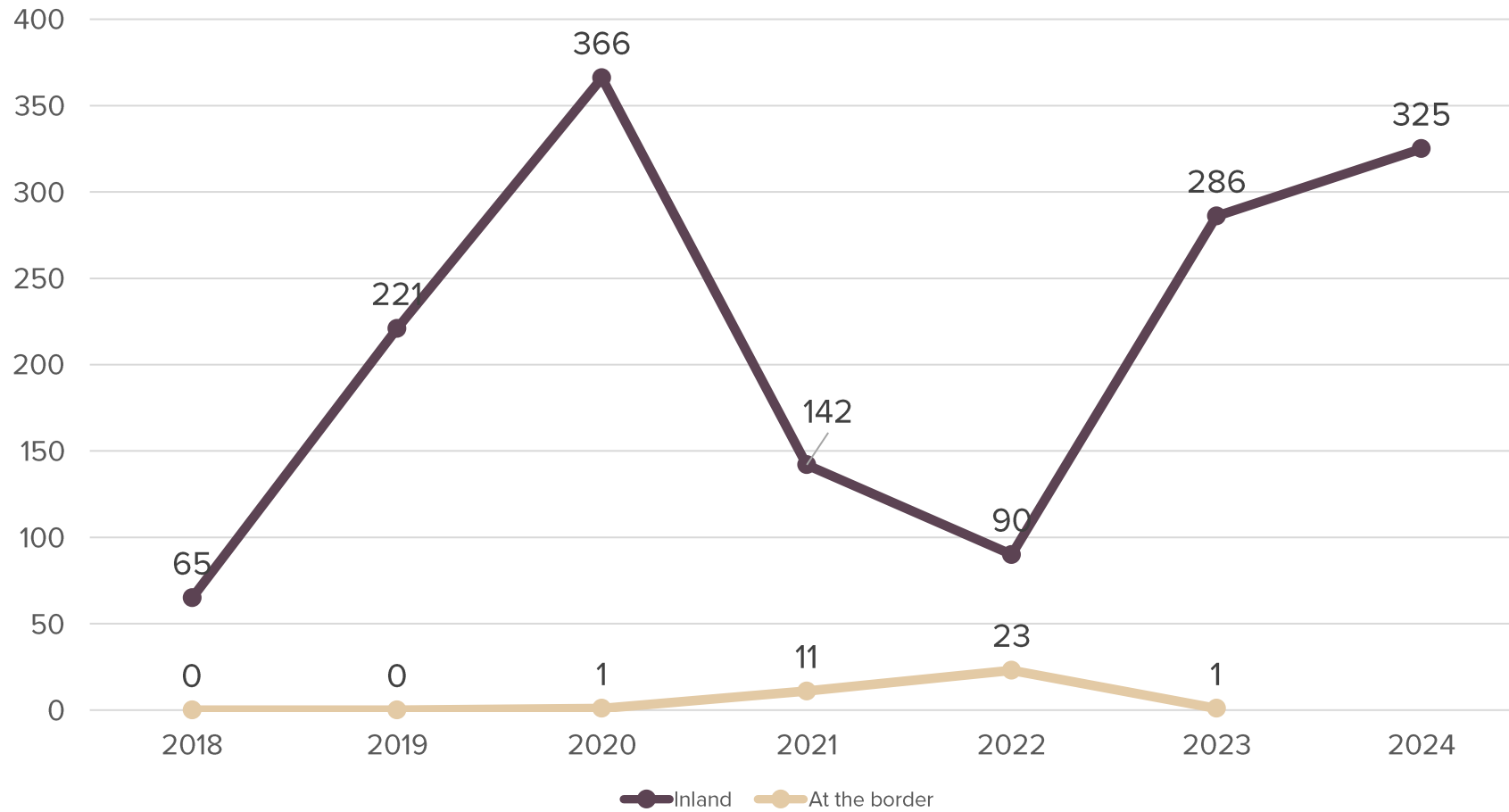
(KPI 4, 6 & 9)

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

- Capacities for preventing and countering illicit trafficking of firearms were further improved:
 - joint international exercises,
 - strengthening cooperation between ITA and Public Postal Operators,
 - enhancing K-9 capacities.
 - Engagement and exchange of information with **FRONTEX**, **EUROPOL**, and **INTERPOL** and **EU member states**;
 - **No cases of diversion** of weapons and ammunition reported;
 - Cases of FAE seized inland continue to be higher than those seized at the border.
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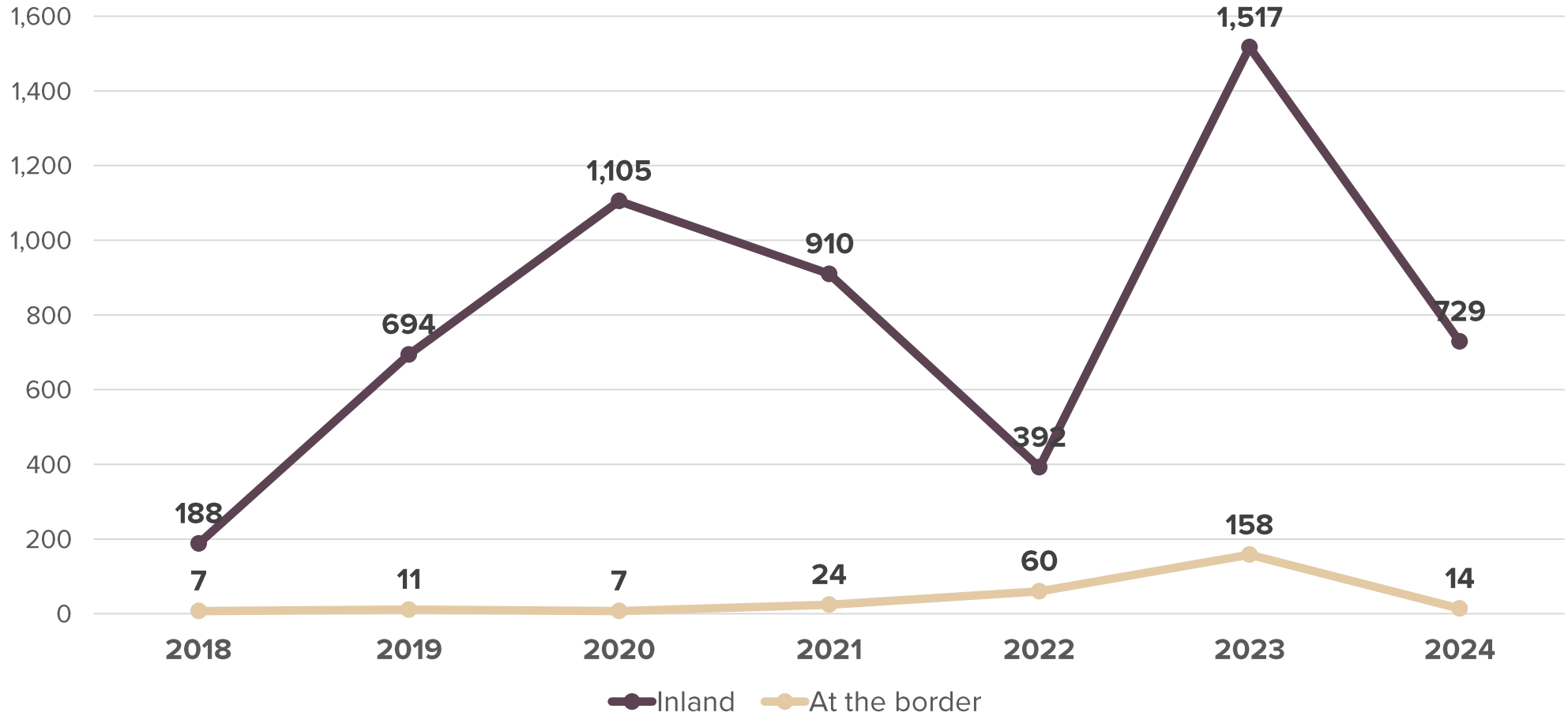
KPI 4

Cases of seized FAE



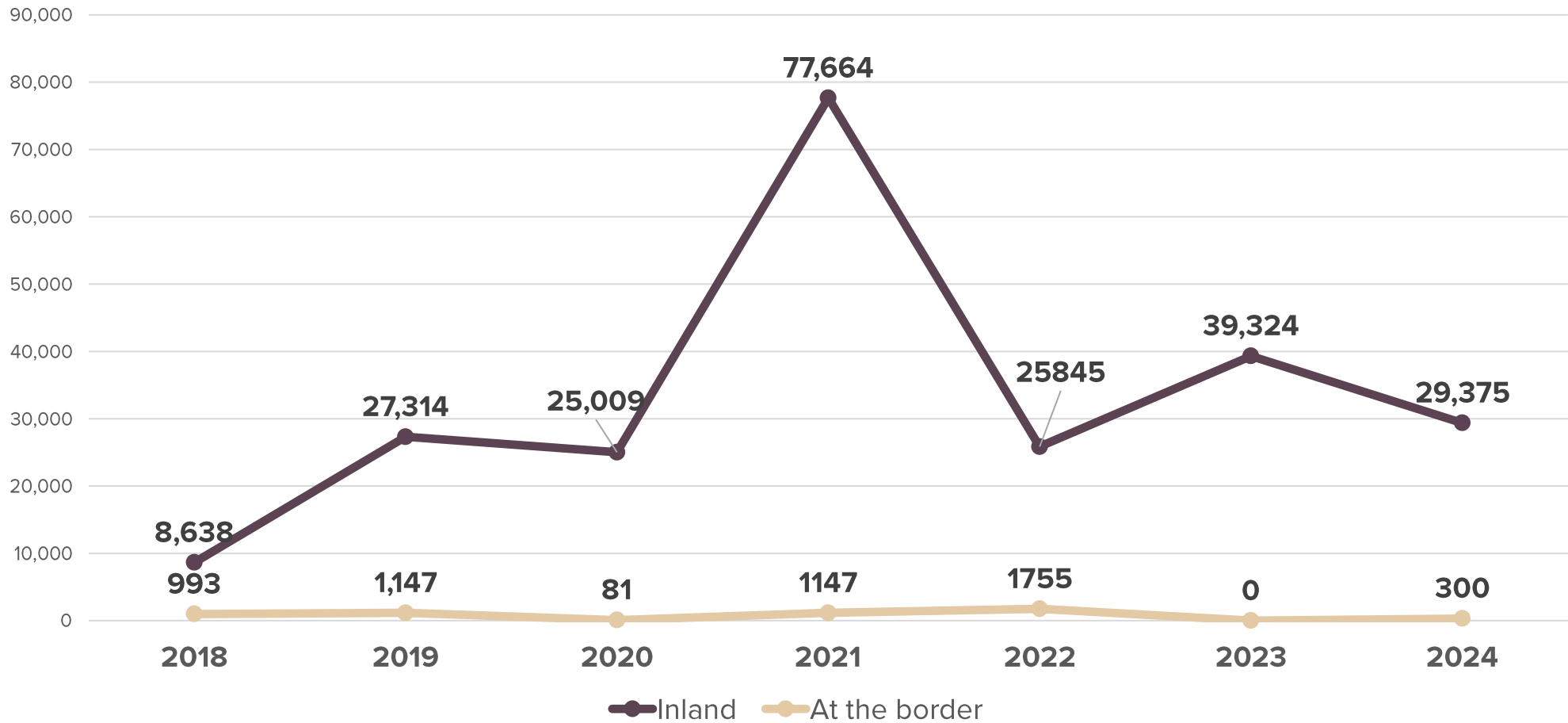
KPI 4

Quantity of seized firearms (pcs)



KPI 4

Quantity of seized ammunition (pcs)





GOALS 4&5

PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 10 & 11)

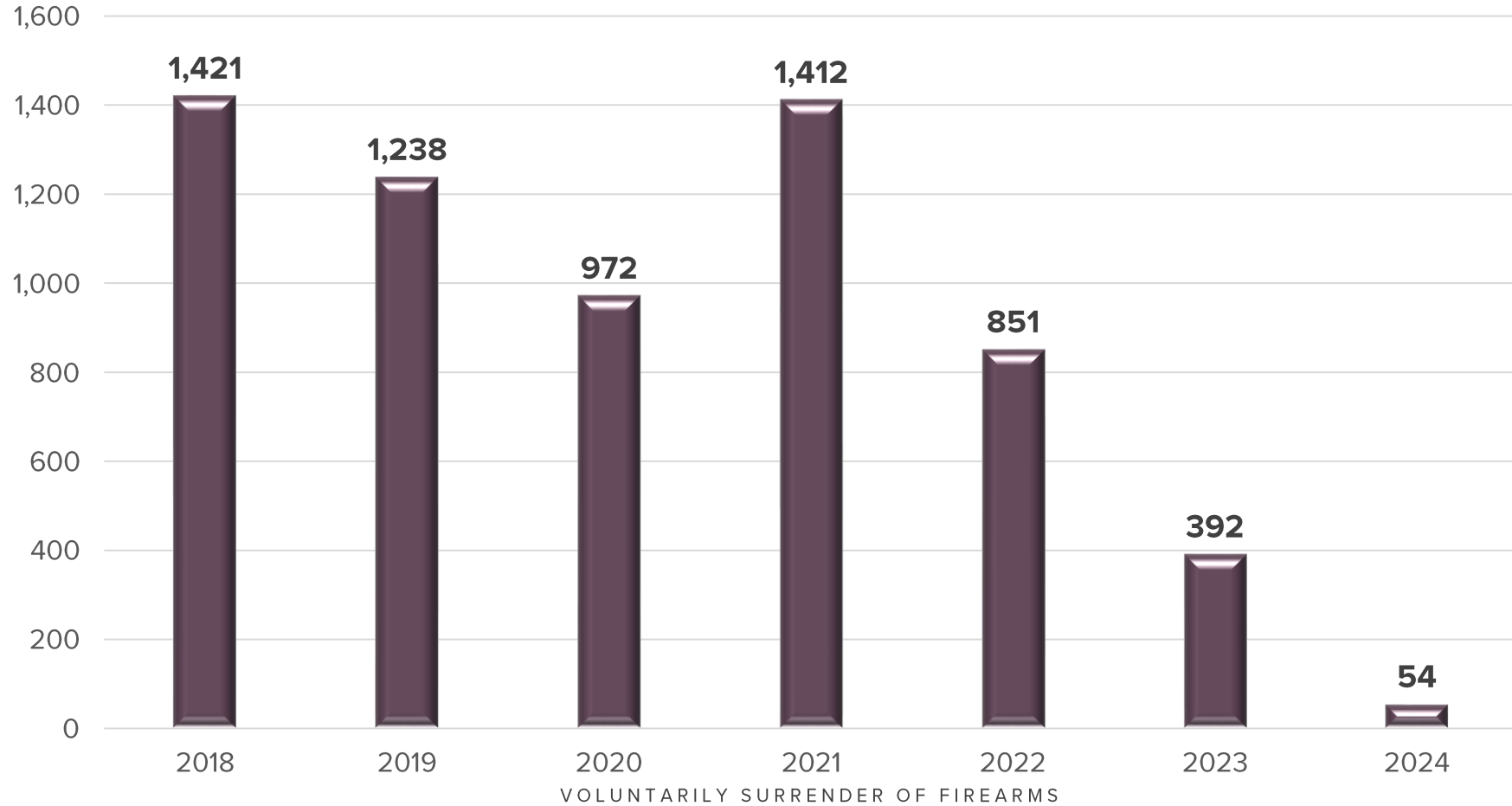
By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

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

- Activities aimed at raising awareness on the danger of misuse of FAE, focusing on domestic violence, voluntarily surrender continue to be reported;
 - Decreased number of **firearms voluntarily surrendered** reported compared to 2023 (54 v 392);
 - **5,900 pieces of ammunition were voluntarily surrendered;**
 - In 2024, **four firearms were legalized** and **27 firearms were deactivated;**
 - Efforts to improve deactivation capacities reported.
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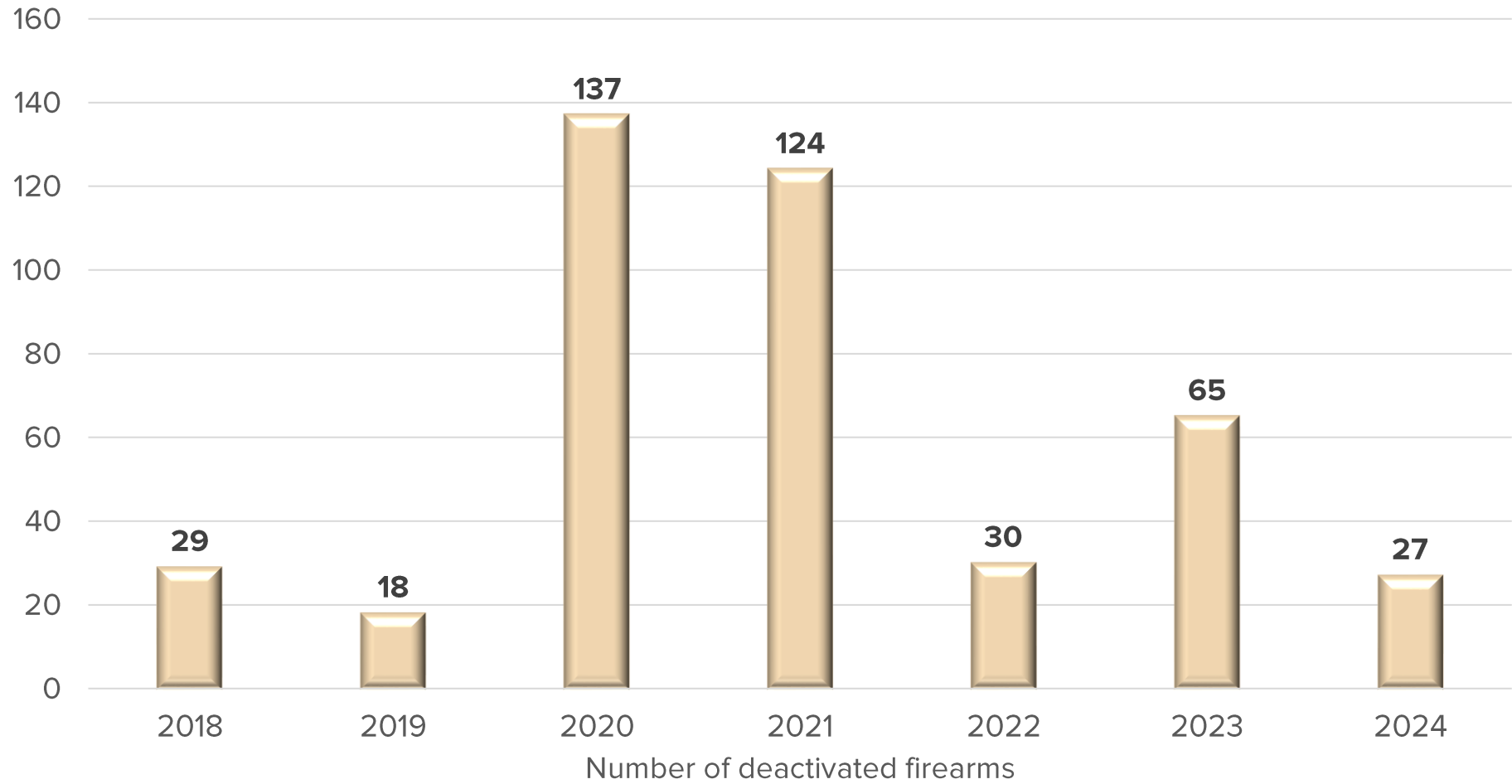
KPI 11

VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER OF FIREARMS 2018-2024



KPI 11

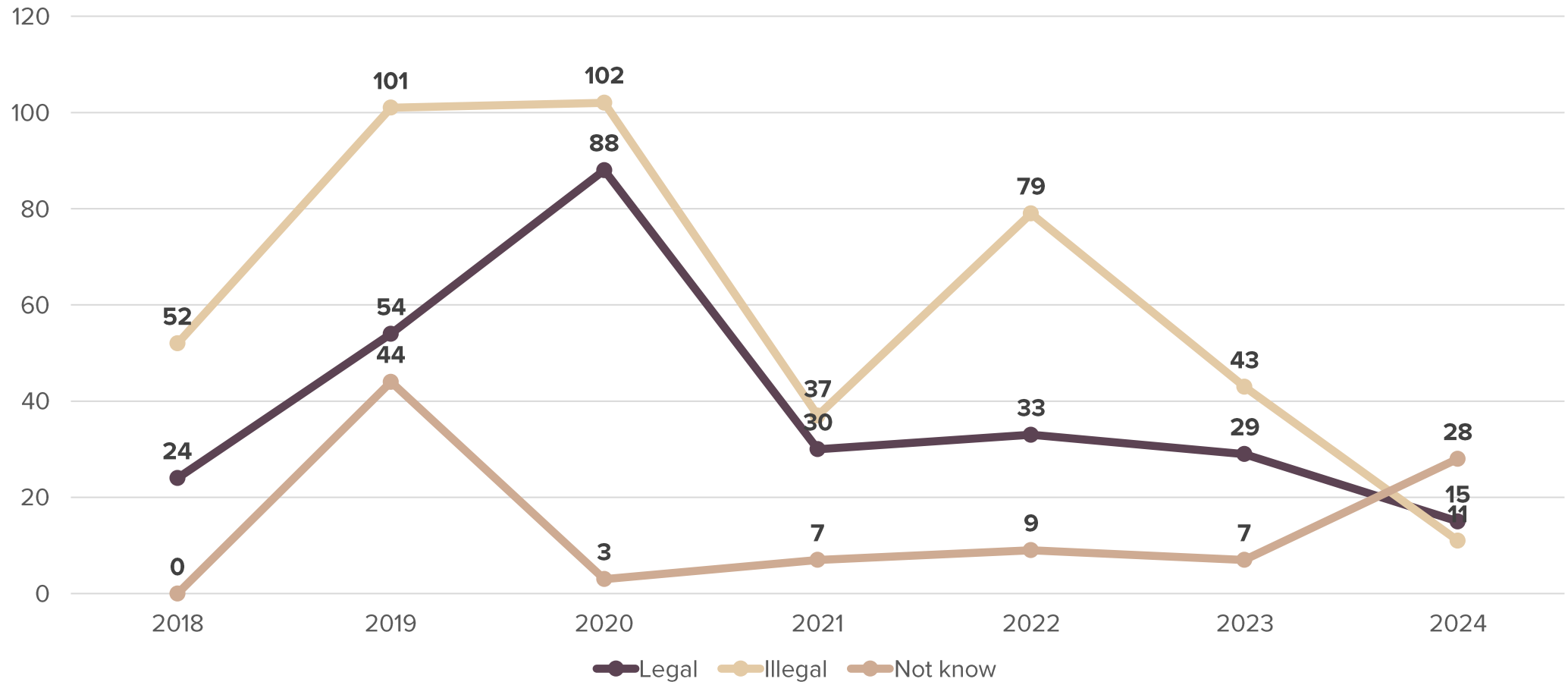
NUMBER OF DEACTIVATED FIREARMS 2018-2024



KPI 10

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS

- In comparison to 2023, there was a decrease in the number of firearm incidents;
- In most of the incidents the status of the firearm was not known (28), followed by the firearms in legal possession (15).



ARMED VIOLENCE MONITORING PLATFORM

From 2019-2024



GOALS 4&5

PROGRESS REPORT

(KPI 10 & 11)

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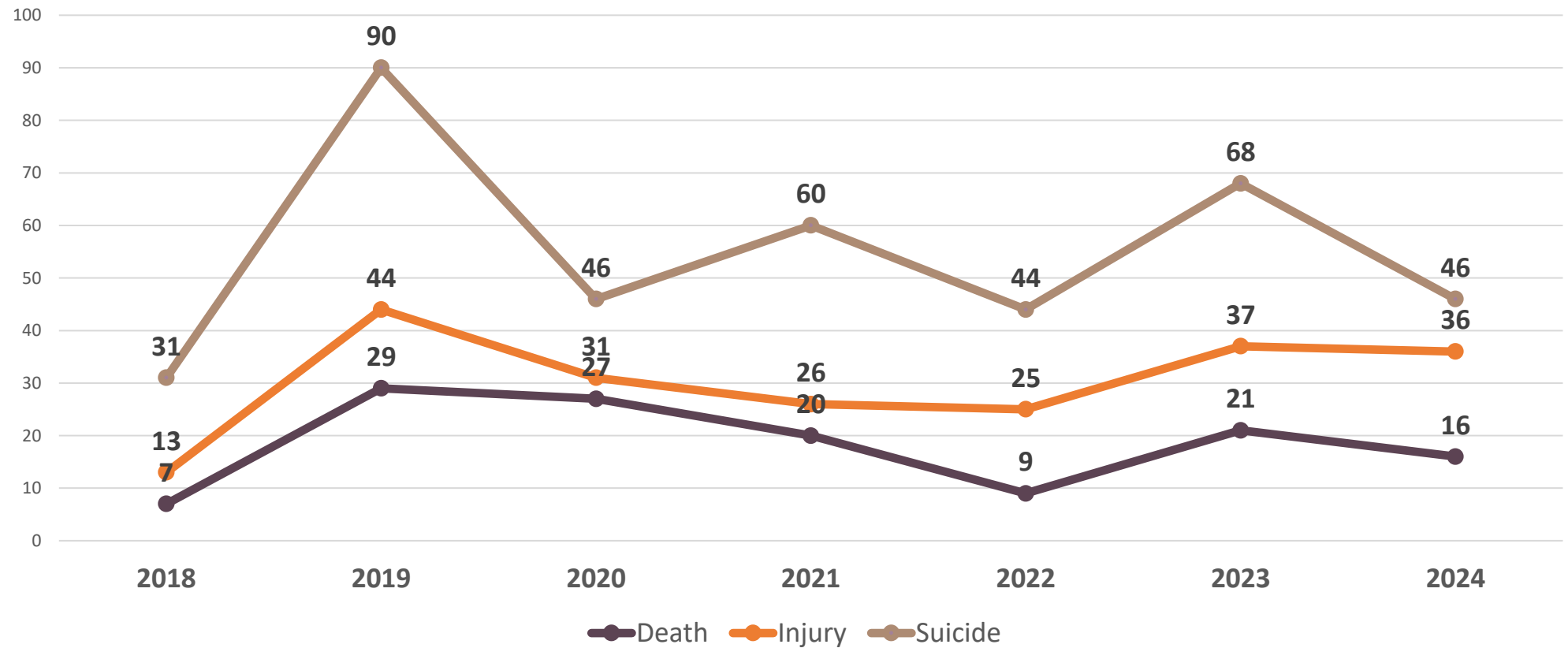
By 2024, substantially decrease the estimated number of firearms in illicit possession in the Western Balkans.

- AVMP recorded **3,033 firearm incidents**; since **2022 weapon seizures** incidents outnumbered the **incidents in criminal context**;
 - **214 incidents linked to organized crime** were recorded showing an **upward trend**;
 - Firearm incidents in the **domestic context fluctuated**, with a total of **70 cases**, peaking in 2024 with 16 reported incidents,
 - In terms of types of weapons documented in firearm incidents, cases involving **handguns dominated**.
 - The cases with **explosive devices** increased significantly, from 7 incidents in 2019 to 56 in 2024, **totalling 266 cases**.
 - **Gas pistols** were reported in **152 cases**, particularly rising between 2021 and 2023.
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KPI 10

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS COMMITTED WITH FIREARMS

- When compared to 2023, the number of deaths, injuries and suicides decreased.





GOALS 6&7

PROGRESS REPORT

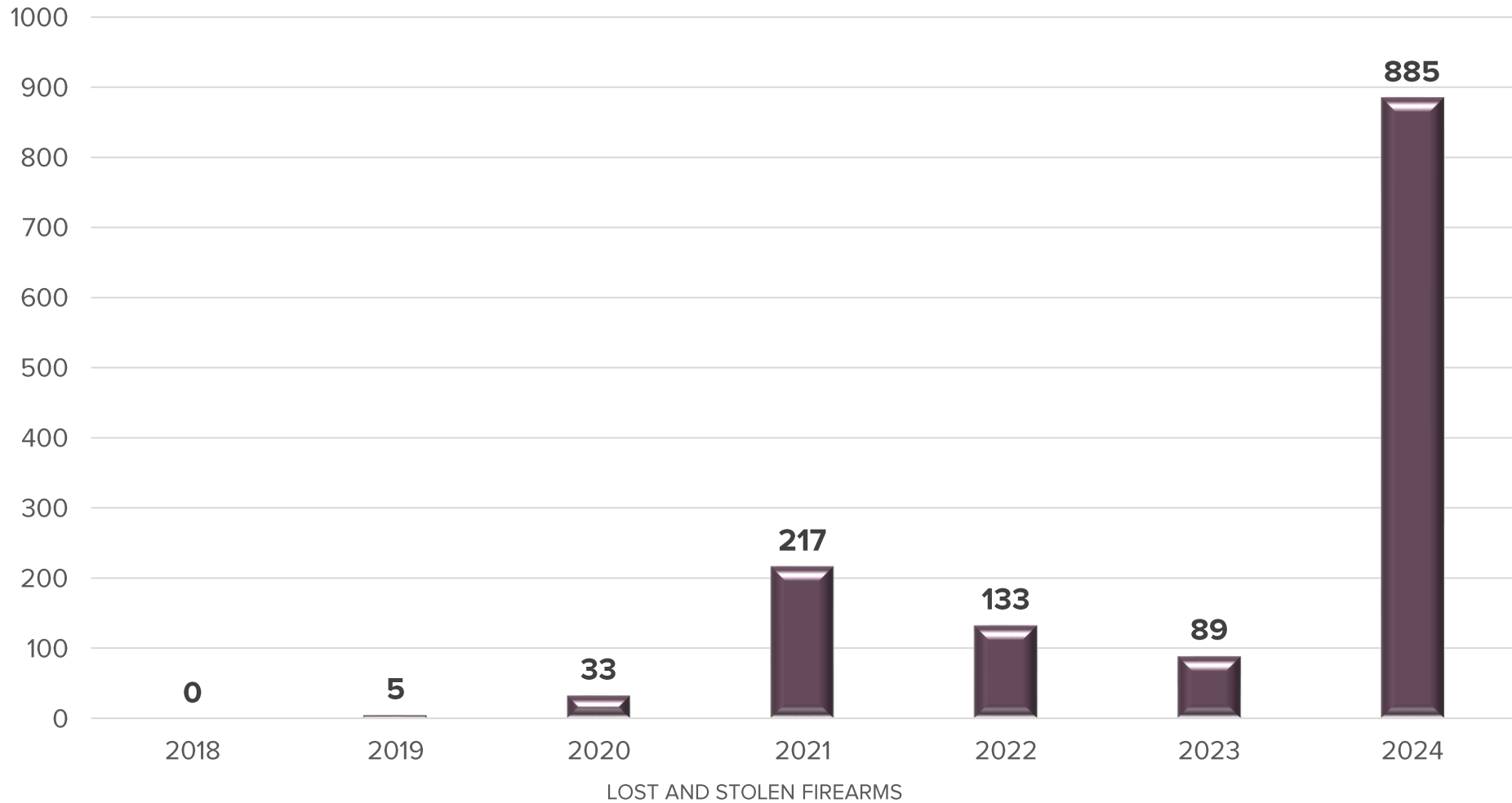
(KPI 12 & 13)

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.

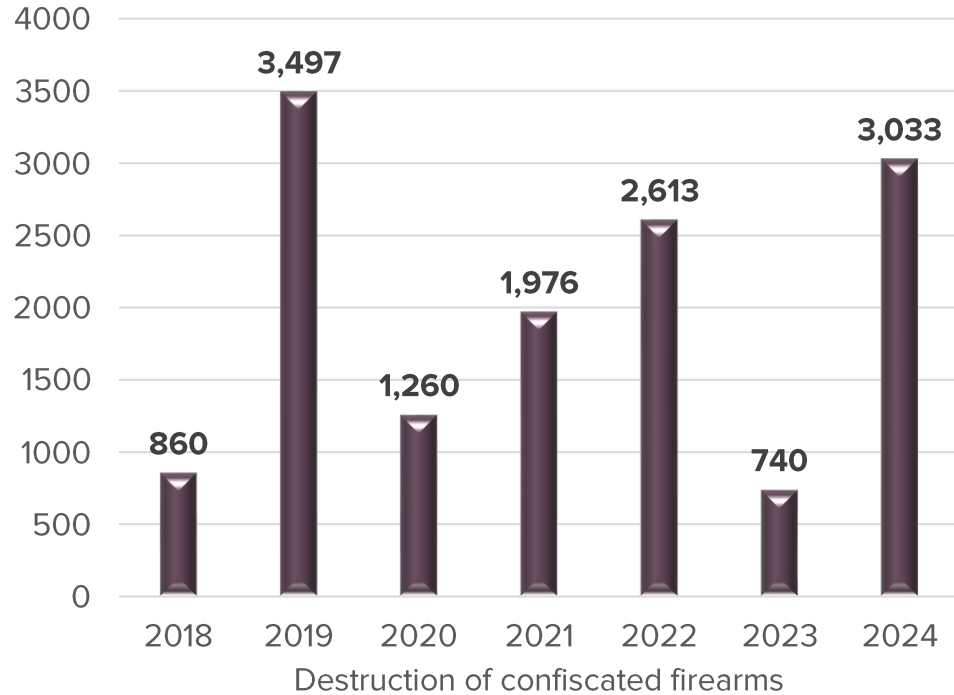
- A total of **3,919 pieces of weapons and weapons parts** were reported as destroyed in 2024;
 - Disposal of a surplus of military stockpiles reported as ongoing by the MoD.
 - **Ad hoc inspections** of relevant legal entities dealing with firearms reported;
 - **842 firearms** reported as lost – significantly increase compared to 2022 (842 Vs. 16); **43 firearms** reported as stolen.
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LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS 2018-2024

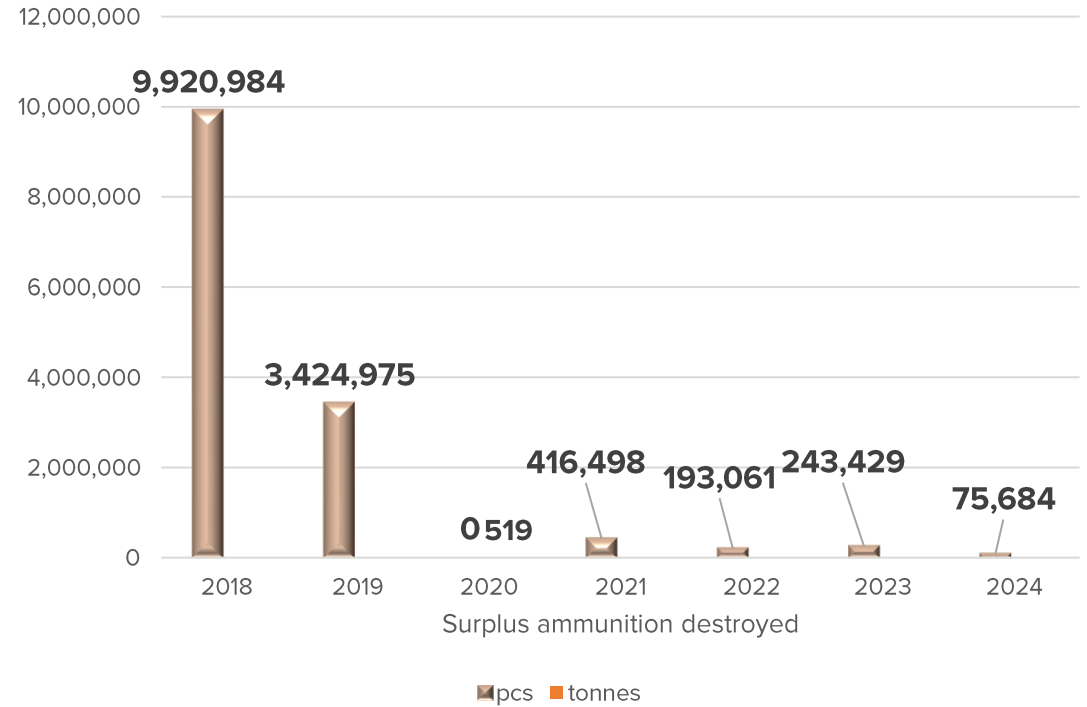


KPI 12

NUMBER OF REPORTED SALW/FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND EXPLOSIVES (CONFISCATED OR SURPLUS) SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED



**Confiscated firearms destroyed:
13,979 pieces**



**Surplus ammunition destroyed:
14,274,631 pieces and 519 tonnes**



THANK YOU