

# SEESAC

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018  
AND PLANS FOR 2019

REGIONAL STEERING GROUP  
MEETING ON SMALL ARMS  
AND LIGHT WEAPONS

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# ABOUT US

*SEESAC is a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC). With on-ground activities in 7 different locations across the region, SEESAC is a regional platform working for a safer South East Europe (SEE).*





# ABOUT US

*Since 2002, SEESAC has been using a 360-degree approach when providing small arms and light weapons (SALW) control assistance to national counterparts, from 'hands-on' interventions such as weapons destruction; security upgrades of storages; marking, tracing and record-keeping of weapons; to 'soft power' interventions such as awareness-raising campaigns, support for the integration of gender perspective in SALW control, and support for policy development.*

A photograph of a man in a brown suit and a woman in a black dress shaking hands in a conference room. The man is on the left, smiling, and the woman is on the right, also smiling. In the background, other people are seated at tables, and a large screen is visible. A large teal circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the main text.

INCREASED REGIONAL  
COOPERATION,  
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE  
AND INFORMATION  
SHARING, LEADING TO  
ENHANCED ARMS CONTROL  
CAPACITIES

*Regional cooperation &  
knowledge exchange*

## ROADMAP FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION, MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

*Regional cooperation & knowledge exchange*

- Roadmap elements defined at the **High-Level Meeting on SALW control in SEE** (Podgorica, 1 February 2018);
- Roadmap document elaborated under the auspices of France, Germany and the EU during **six consultative meetings with the SALW Commissions** in each of the jurisdictions (Pristina 19-20 April, Podgorica 23-24 April, Tirana 26-27 April, Skopje 03 May, Sarajevo 10 May, Belgrade 18 May);
- Roadmap finalized at the **Ninth Regional Meeting of the SALW Commissions** (Tirana 28-29 May 2018);
- Roadmap adopted at the **Interior and Security Ministers' Meeting of the Western Balkans Summit** (London 10 July 2018);

## ROADMAP FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION, MISUSE AND TRAFFICKING OF SALW AND THEIR AMMUNITION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS BY 2024 (CONT.)

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

*Regional cooperation &  
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- **Regional meeting** on the development of the Action Plans organised in Podgorica, on 11-12 July 2018;
- Support to the elaboration of the Action Plans for the implementation of the Roadmap provided during **seven meetings with SALW Commissions** (Podgorica 12 September, Belgrade 18-19 September, Konjic 24-25 September, Skopje 26-27 September, Tirana 1-2 October, Pristina 3-4 October, Sarajevo 5-6 November);
- **High-Level Meeting of the Franco-German coordination initiative** on illicit firearms trafficking in the Western Balkans (Paris 11 December 2018);
- Action Plans adopted by 4 out of 6 jurisdictions;
- **Trust Fund for the implementation of the Roadmap** being established.



# **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018**

*Regional cooperation &  
knowledge exchange*

- **Two Regional Meetings of the SALW Commissions** organized in Tirana, on 28-29 May 2018, and in Budva, on 26-27 November 2018;
  - **Successful participation of Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus** into the regional process of SALW Commissions;
  - **Two assessment missions carried out in the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine** to identify, in cooperation with the authorities, concrete areas of support on various aspects of arms control;
  - **Technical support provided to Albania, Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia** in their respective processes of drafting new SALW Strategies.
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# PLANS 2019

*Regional cooperation &  
knowledge exchange*

- Maintain information exchange, knowledge sharing and standardization through the regional meetings of the SALW Commissions;
- Provide tailor-made support to SALW Commissions on various arms control aspects;
- Facilitate transfer of expertise between SEE, the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine.

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*Capacity for evidence-based  
policy-making enhanced*



# **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018**

*Capacity for evidence-based  
policy-making enhanced*

- **Data on distribution and impact of SALW** for a general SALW Survey collected from all jurisdictions;
  - **Draft SALW distribution and impact survey analysis** prepared for all jurisdictions and submitted to SALW Commissions for their review (except for Republic of Serbia);
  - **Gender Coach Programme** completed in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Montenegro, and launched in Albania;
  - **The training "Towards Gender Responsive SALW control"** organized in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - **Gender & SALW study** developed and published in English and Russian;
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# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018


*Capacity for evidence-based  
policymaking enhanced*

- **Online Armed Violence Monitoring Platform** updated daily with firearm-related incidents from the region;
  - **Ninth and Tenth Regional Reports on Arms Exports** published;
  - Support provided to the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications of the Republic of Serbia for the **upgrade of the Annual Arms Exports Report Generating (AAERG) software.**
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# PLANS 2019

*Capacity for evidence-based policy-making enhanced*

- Publish the regional SALW survey;
- Enhance data collection and analysis through the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform;
- Provide technical expertise and training for enhanced data collection on SALW;
- Continue the Gender Coach Programme;
- Develop and publish knowledge products on best practices for selected arms control aspects.



IMPROVED CAPACITY FOR  
PHYSICAL SECURITY AND  
STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT  
(PSSM) THROUGH  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
SECURITY UPGRADES,  
SURPLUS REDUCTION AND  
TRAINING

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

*Capacity for PSSM improved*

**4** **10**

Security of MoI's SALW and ammunition storages upgraded in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Republic of Serbia;

- Works included installation of security doors with locks and access control, installation of security fence with gate for the restricted perimeter, and supply and installation of CCTV equipment.

Security of Police evidence rooms upgraded in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, and Republic of Serbia;

- Works included supply of weapon racks, installation of new security doors with locks and access control, and supply and installation of CCTV equipment.

*\*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).*



**KEY  
ACHIEVEMENTS  
2018**

*Capacity for PSSM  
improved*

**2,509**

small arms and light  
weapons

**1,489**

small arms and light  
weapons parts and  
components

**202,875**

pieces of ammunition

*destroyed in Bosnia and  
Herzegovina and in Montenegro*



# **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018**

*Capacity for PSSM  
improved*

- Tenth Annual Workshop of the Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction Initiative (RASR) organized in Albania;
- One advanced national training on PSSM organised for Serbian Ministry of Interior and Police Directorate experts.



# PLANS 2019

*Capacity for PSSM  
improved*

- Complete security infrastructure upgrade of 4 MoI and Police storages in accordance with international standards;
- Initiate security infrastructure upgrade of 2 MoD storages;
- Improve security infrastructure of 3 evidence rooms;
- Destroy at least 20,000 pieces of conventional weapons;
- Destroy at least 50,000 pieces of ammunition and explosives.



# PLANS 2019

*Capacity for PSSM  
improved*

- Organize one Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction workshop;
- Organize one national PSSM Training in Albania;
- Organize one regional meeting of PSSM trainers;
- Provide support to national PSSM training sessions, upon request.



ENHANCED CAPACITY  
FOR MARKING,  
TRACING AND  
RECORD-KEEPING

*Regional cooperation  
among firearms experts*

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

- Strengthened operational cooperation and facilitate knowledge exchange in the region and beyond (EU) with regards to combating the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of firearms through **two South-East Europe Firearms Experts Network (SEEFEN) meetings;**

- Strengthened operational cooperation with Europol, EFE, EMPACT, Eurojust, Frontex, NABIS.

# PLANS 2019

- Increase information exchange, cooperation and communication between law enforcement firearms experts and prosecutors further enhanced through two meetings of SEEFEN.

*Regional cooperation  
among firearms experts*

A photograph of a person's hands operating a microscope in a laboratory. The person is holding a slide under the objective lens. The background shows a wooden desk with various lab supplies, including a box of 'Royal White' paper. A large teal circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

# ENHANCED CAPACITY FOR MARKING, TRACING AND RECORD-KEEPING

*Capacity for marking, tracing  
and record-keeping increased*

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

*Capacity for marking, tracing  
and record-keeping increased*

- **Specialized ICT equipment**, comprised of IBM i2 Analyst Notebook and IBM iBase licenses, procured for Albania, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Serbia to support the analytical capabilities of the law enforcement authorities leading to timely gun crime investigations;
- **Support provided for the connection of weapons registry database, the criminal database and the ballistic examination database** required towards a full functioning of the FFP in Albania, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Serbia;
- **Study visits** to the FFP located in Pristina facilitated for representatives from Albania and the Republic of North Macedonia to better understand the benefits and functionalities of the FFP;

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018


*Capacity for marking, tracing  
and record keeping increased*

- **6 Regional training sessions** delivering 4 key modules organized and targeted FFP members with the aim of improving investigation and analytical capacities of the FFPs:
  - Module 1 “Advanced Ballistic Intelligence & Threat and Risk Assessment”
  - Module 2 “Core Intelligence Analysis”
  - Module 3 “IBM i2 Analyst’s Notebook”
  - Module 4 “Intelligence collection plan and Intelligence gap analysis”, including social media and dark net

# PLANS 2019

*Capacity for marking,  
tracing and record-  
keeping increased*

- Procure 8 double casting kits for law enforcement institutions in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Serbia, for enhanced forensic capacities;
- Conduct regional certified training on IBM iBase Designer;
- Procure relevant software and hardware for law enforcement institutions (FFPs);
- Provide further support to ballistic laboratories through training regarding open case files;
- Procure marking machines and deliver operational training;
- Provide further support the full operationalization of the FFPs, upon request.

A person is holding a target with concentric circles. A large teal circle is overlaid on the left side of the image. The background is dark blue with the text 'KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE' written in a light blue, hand-drawn font. At the bottom, there is a white horizontal bar and some faint text: 'DRAG TO' followed by a dashed circle with a blue arrow pointing up, and 'ARM YOURSELF WITH'.

# REDUCED LEVEL OF ILLICIT POSSESSION AND MISUSE OF FIREARMS

DRAG TO




ARM YOURSELF WITH



# **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2018**

- An **online Regional Perception Survey** conducted and main findings and results to be included in the General SALW Survey;
- A **regional online campaign** raising awareness on the dangers of misuse and **illicit possession of firearms** conceptualized and developed.

# **PLANS 2019**

- Launch the region-wide online campaign in all the languages of the region.
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# RSSRP

Regional Security Sector  
Reform Platform

**8**

**DEPLOYMENTS**

**18**

**EXPERTS**

**7**

**COUNTRIES**

Republic of Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova,  
Rwanda, Republic of Serbia, Ukraine

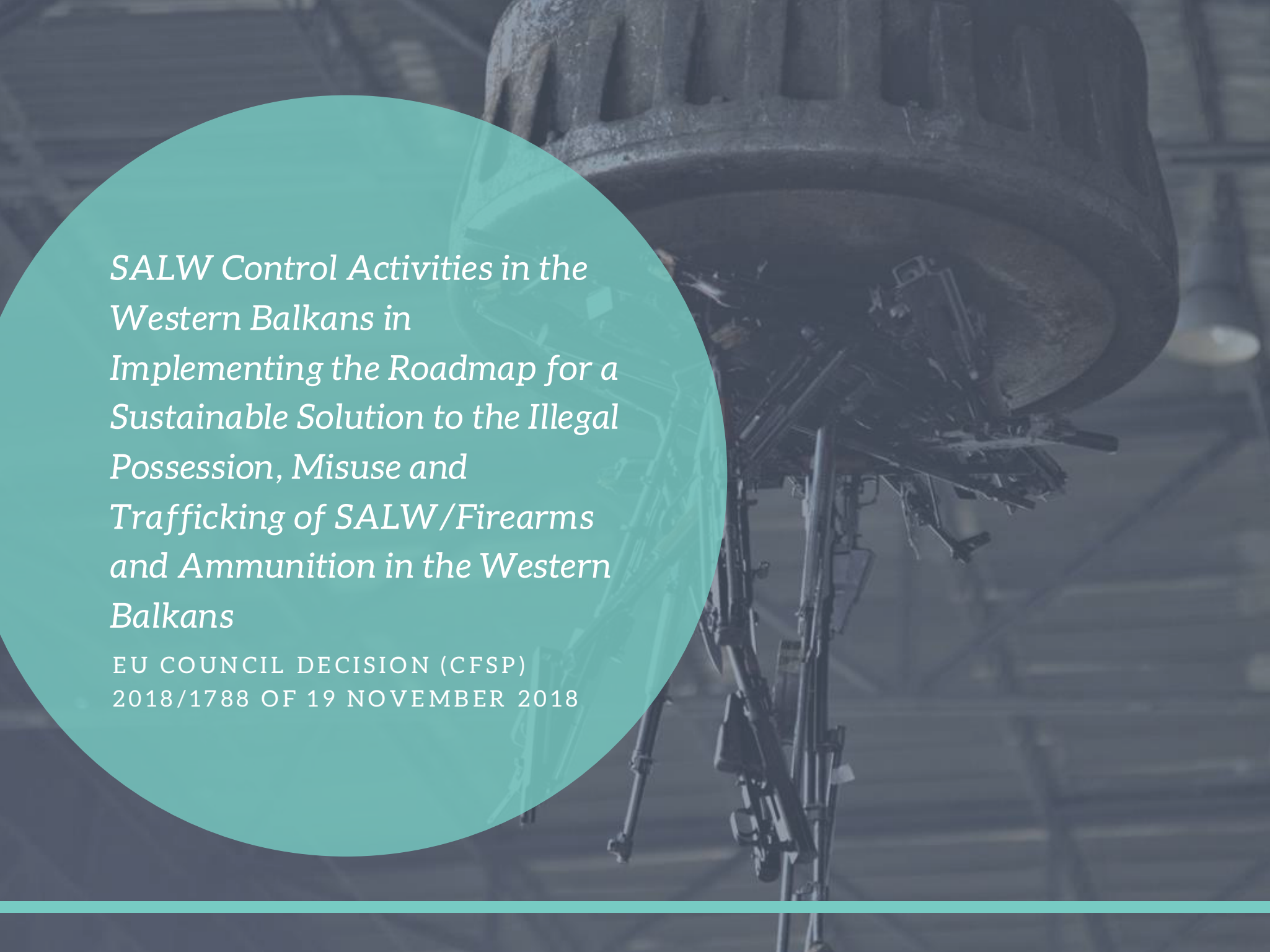
In areas including: forensics, gender mainstreaming in SSR, sexual and gender-based violence and countering illicit arms trafficking.

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**NEW  
PROJECTS**

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*SALW Control Activities in the  
Western Balkans in  
Implementing the Roadmap for a  
Sustainable Solution to the Illegal  
Possession, Misuse and  
Trafficking of SALW/Firearms  
and Ammunition in the Western  
Balkans*

EU COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP)  
2018/1788 OF 19 NOVEMBER 2018

# **SALW CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS IN IMPLEMENTING THE ROADMAP**

## **Coordination of the implementation of the Roadmap:**

- Organisation of up to six regional Roadmap coordination meetings;
- Enabling taking stock of progress, information exchange, knowledge transfer and standardisation;
- Organisation of local coordination meetings (up to 36 in total);
- Development of biannual monitoring and evaluation reports (up to six);
- Mid-term evaluation, including capacity assessment prepared for six Roadmap beneficiaries;
- Establishment of an online platform to ensure proper outreach and visibility of the Roadmap.

## **SALW CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS IN IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL ROADMAP FOR SALW CONTROL**


Support to the authorities of the Western Balkans in fully harmonising their arms control legislation with the EU regulatory framework and other related international obligations and standards across the region:

- Assessment and gap analysis (six) of legal framework reports for each beneficiary;
- Up to three regional workshops and six thematic workshops for the beneficiaries;
- Provision of on-demand expertise on legislative and policy updates;
- Updated arms-law compendium translated into all of the relevant languages of the region;
- Gender-screening reports on the arms legal framework (six reports);
- Gender Coach programme with two heads of SALW commissions;
- Media strategy development and training.

## **SALW CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS IN IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL ROADMAP FOR SALW CONTROL**

Capacity assessment and technical assistance provided to the law-enforcement and border police authorities in the Western Balkans, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus:

- Needs assessment of the border-police and criminal-police services of the Western Balkans in countering illicit arms trafficking;
- Strengthened capacity of ballistics experts and investigators for addressing cross-border firearm-related criminality;
- Implemented pilot on operational ballistic information-exchange structure;
- Assessment of capacities of the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus for selected aspects of SALW control with identified targeted interventions.



*Strengthening of Regional  
Cooperation on Gender  
Mainstreaming in Security  
Sector Reform (SSR) in the  
Western Balkans (Phase II)*

The objective of the project is to foster regional cooperation on gender equality in the military and increase effectiveness and ensure consolidation and institutionalization of results achieved during Phase I.



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