

The Western Balkans Small Arms and Light Weapons Control Roadmap 2018-2020

The Roadmap for a sustainable solution to arms control in the Western Balkans by 2024 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 and it draws upon over a decade of work on small arms and light weapons control by governments in the region and in partnership with the EU through UNDP SEESAC.

The Roadmap was developed by the Western Balkans authorities under the auspices of Germany, France and the EU with UNDP SEESAC support and in consultation with all relevant actors. The adoption of the document is the result of a record-breaking 5 months consultations 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.

Roadmap Goals

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 and intelligence led.

GOAL 3.

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

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.

Key performance Indicators

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| 1. | Number of legal frameworks on arms control throughout the Western Balkans fully harmonized with the EU legislation, the Arms Trade Treaty and the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition (The Firearms Protocol) | 7. | Firearms Focal Points established and operational in each jurisdiction of the Western Balkans |
| 2. | Number of evidence based arms control policy documents, developed in each jurisdiction of the Western Balkans, that are also addressing needs of men, women, boys and girls | 8. | Number of inter-institutional cooperation cases at operational level, including investigation, prosecution and pretrial phases |
| 3. | Number of cases, individuals and quantity of misused and trafficked firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) prosecuted and adjudicated in comparison to the number of law enforcement reports on seizures | 9. | Number of cases of operational cooperation sourced from intelligence information including ballistic intelligence in the fight against firearms related crimes, with authorities in the region, EU member states and agencies as well as international law enforcement agencies |
| 4. | Number of cases and quantity of FAE seized inland compared to the number of cases and quantity of FAE seized at the borders | 10. | Number of incidents involving firearms and victims affected by the misuse of firearms, disaggregated by gender and age, in each jurisdiction of the Western Balkans |
| 5. | Number of reported cases of FAE seized at the borders of the European Union and traced to the Western Balkans, compared to the number of FAE seized throughout the European Union and traced to or diverted from the Western Balkans | 11. | Number of FAE voluntarily surrendered, as well as firearms legalized or deactivated |
| 6. | Number of FAE for which export licenses were issued by the Western Balkans identified as diverted through post-shipment control procedure | 12. | Number of reported SALW/firearms, ammunition, and explosives confiscated or surplus systematically destroyed |
| | | 13. | Number of SALW/firearms and their ammunition storage facilities in line with international safety and security standards |
| | | 14. | Percentage of citizens satisfaction (disaggregated by age and gender) or feeling of safety on armed violence across the Western Balkans |

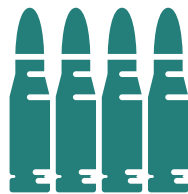
WB SALW CONTROL ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION IN NUMBERS

Countering trafficking of firearms, ammunition and explosives (2018-2020)



Seized inland
14,429

Seized at the borders
318



Seized inland
384,622
pieces

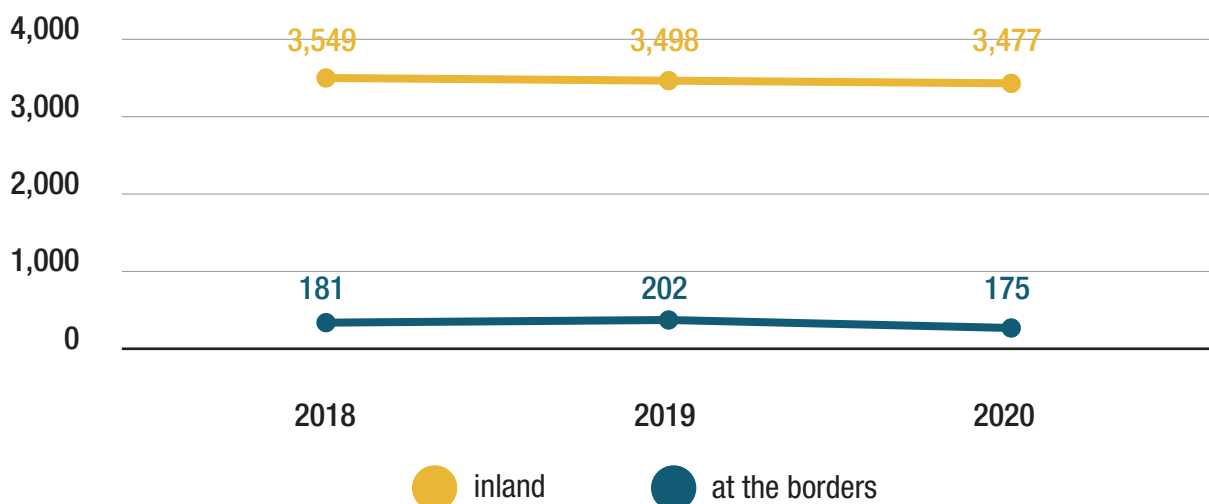
Seized at the borders
24,452
pieces



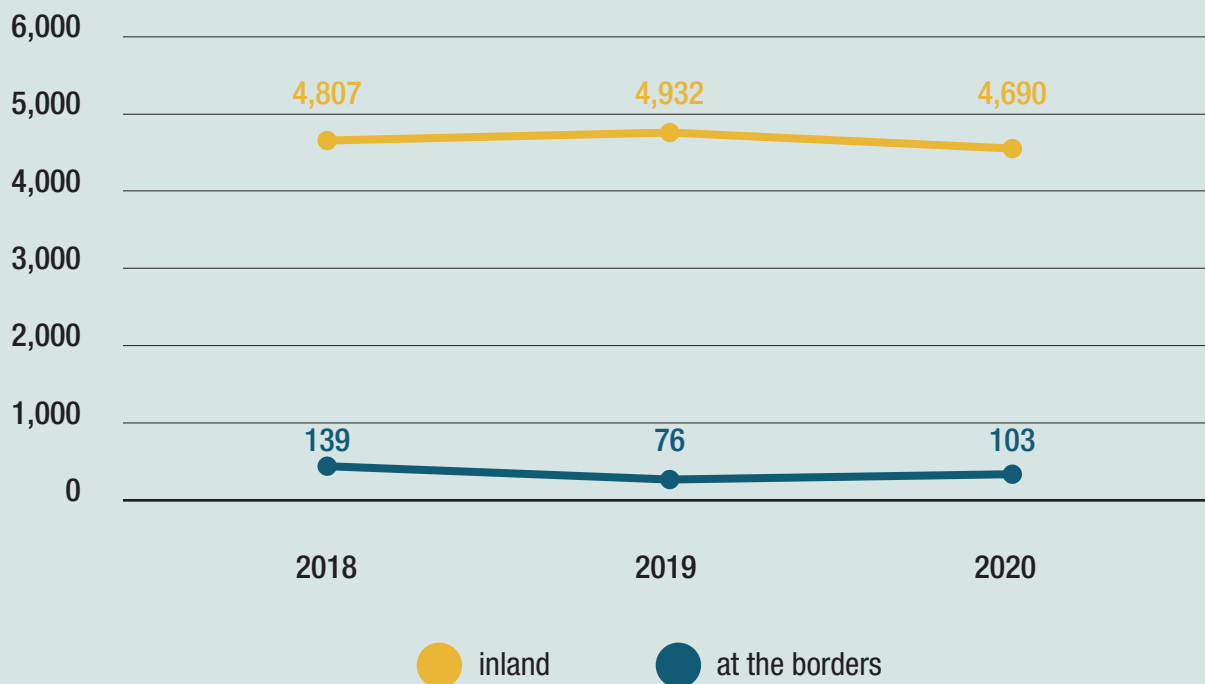
Seized inland
1,185,210 grams
1,560 pieces

Seized at the borders
11,023 grams
68 pieces

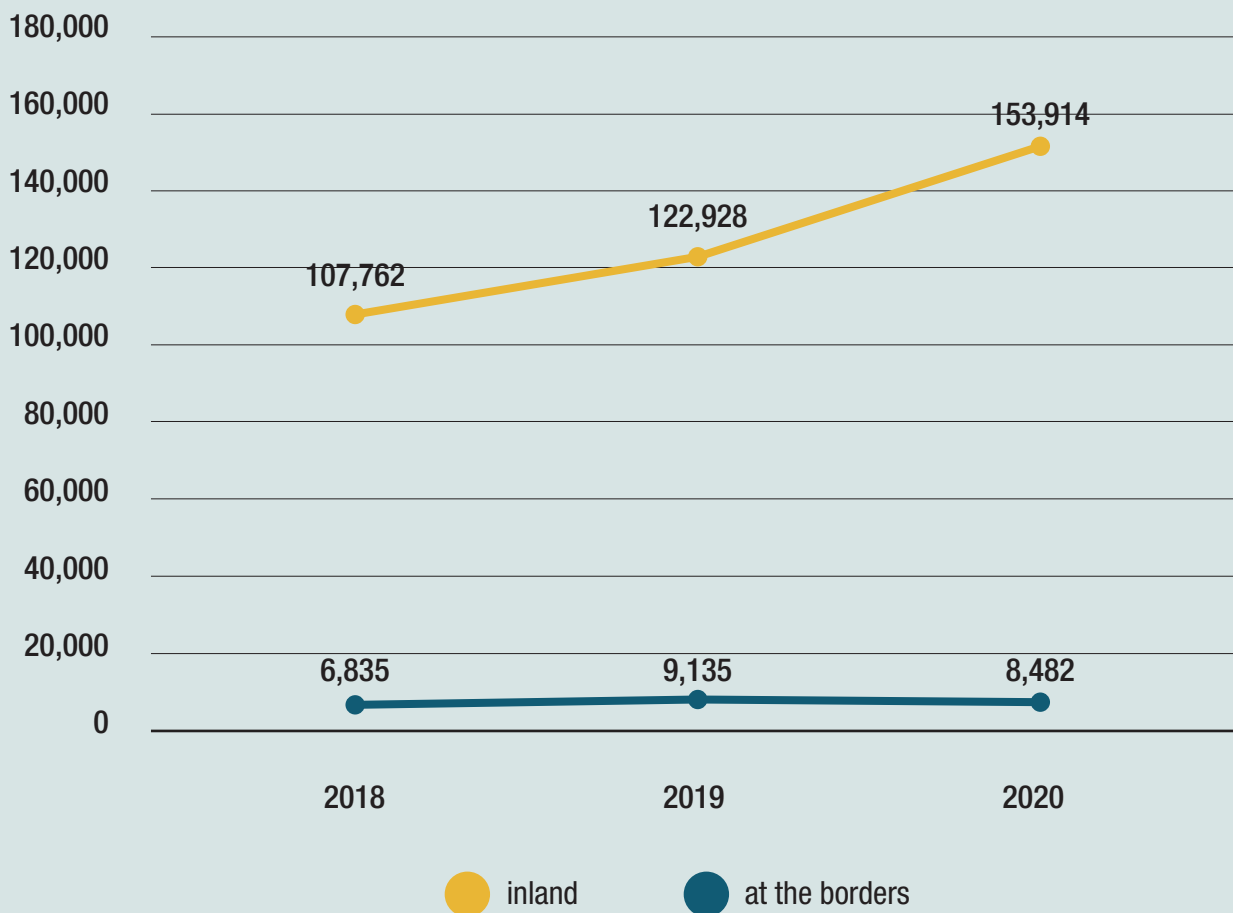
Cases of seized firearms, ammunition and explosives



Pieces of seized firearms



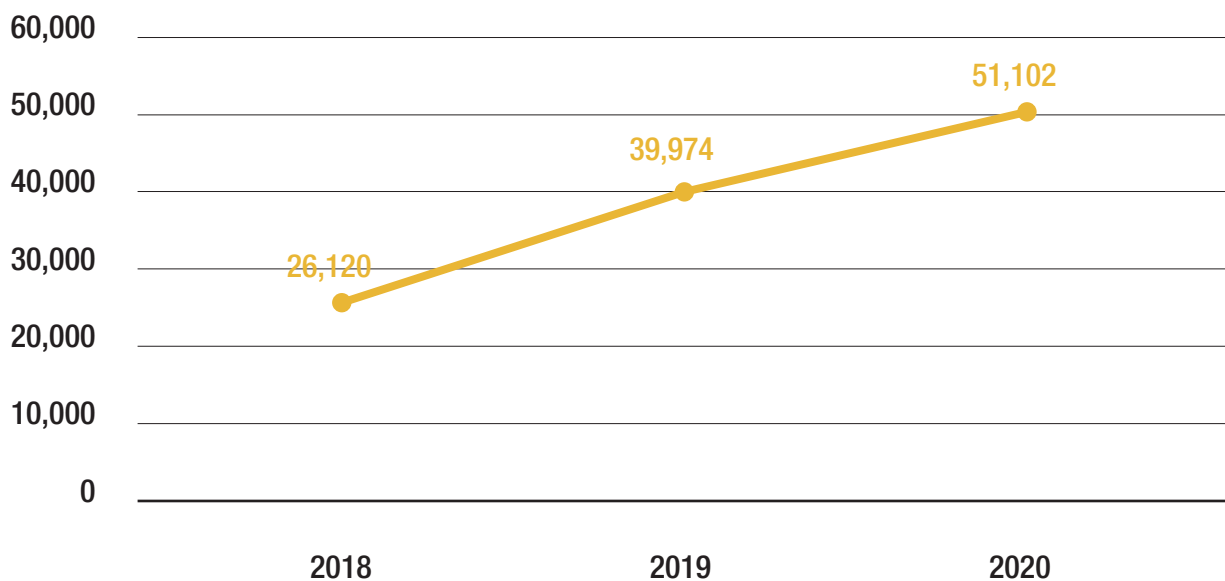
Pieces of seized ammunition



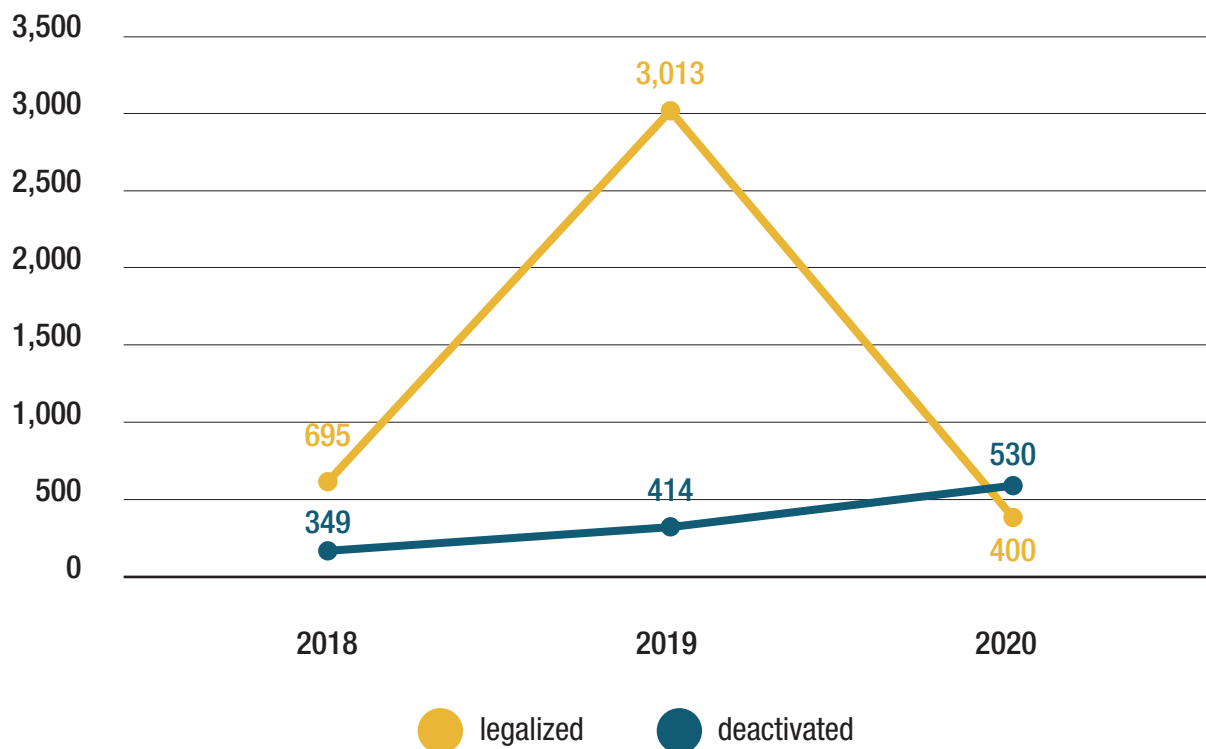
Firearms voluntarily surrendered, legalized and deactivated (2018-2020)

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|  | <p>Voluntary surrendered</p> <p>117,196</p> | <p>Legalized</p> <p>4,108</p> | <p>Deactivated</p> <p>1,293</p> |
|  | <p>Voluntary surrendered (pcs)</p> <p>52,880</p> | | |

Voluntary surrendered firearms



Legalized and deactivated firearms



SALW/Firearms and ammunition destroyed (2018-2020)



Surplus

25,571 pieces

Confiscated

9,482 pieces



Surplus

14,815,986 pieces
2,612,331 tonnes

Confiscated

59,649 pieces

Perceptions of safety related to firearms (2018-2020)

KPI 14 - How threatened do the citizens feel by the illegal possession and misuse of weapons in your neighborhood (as in crime, domestic violence, celebratory shooting, etc.)

| REGION | 2018 | | 2019 | | 2020 | |
|----------------|------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|
| | W | M | W | M | W | M |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 18-24 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 48 | 46 | 38 |
| 25-34 | 46 | 42 | 43 | 48 | 51 | 42 |
| 35-44 | 45 | 42 | 42 | 52 | 48 | 44 |
| 45-54 | 42 | 36 | 47 | 47 | 52 | 48 |
| 55-64 | 39 | 34 | 44 | 48 | 49 | 43 |
| 65 and over | 39 | 36 | 40 | 46 | 48 | 46 |
| AVERAGE | 40% | | 46% | | 46% | |

Source: RCC's annual Balkan Barometer

Roadmap donors

Key donors supporting the implementation of the Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap:



Status of harmonization of legal framework with EU Acquis, Arms Trade Treaty and UN Firearms Protocol¹

| | Belgrade | Podgorica | Pristina | Sarajevo | Skopje | Tirana |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Directive 2017/853 amending 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Regulation 258/2012 Article 10 of the (UN Firearms Protocol) | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Regulation (EU) 2015/2403 establishing common guidelines on deactivation | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/68 for the marking of firearms | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/69 for technical specifications for alarm and signal weapon | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Regulation (EU) 2019/1148 on the marketing and use of explosives precursors | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Directive 2014/28/EU on the harmonization of the laws for supervision of CUE | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment (MTE) | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Common Military List of the European Union | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Council Common Position 2003/468/CFSP on the control of arms brokering | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Directive 2009/43/EC simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Directive 2009/81/EC for the award of certain works contracts, in the fields of defense and security | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 for the control of dual-use items | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Arms Trade Treaty | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| UN Firearms Protocol | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |

- Fully harmonized
- Partially harmonized
- Not harmonized

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Key implementing partners

