



**THE SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS (SALW)
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BACKGROUND

On the basis of the United Nations Action Programme (2001)¹ and the OSCE SALW Paper (adopted in 2000 and reissued in 2012)² as well as other international documents in this domain, in particular the Protocol against Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking of Firearms, their Parts, Components and Ammunition, adopted on 31 May 2001 by the United Nations General Assembly (coming into effect on 3 July 2005), Bosnia and Herzegovina has proceeded to systematically address these issues through adoption and implementation of the First SALW Control Strategy for the period of 2006–2012 as well as of the second strategy for the period 2013–2016. These strategies have also included the activities and obligations cited in the European Strategy for Combating Illicit Accumulation and Trafficking of SALW and Accompanying Ammunition from 2006.

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime on 24 February 2002 and acceded to the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking of Firearms, their Parts and Ammunition on 1 April 2008. Bosnia and Herzegovina has also signed and ratified the ATT (*Arms Trade Treaty*), the global Arms Trade Treaty establishing the highest international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms.

¹UN Paper A/CONF.192/15, New York, July 2001.

²OSCE Paper FSC.DOC/1/00, November 2000;
OSCE Decision FSC.DEC/3/12, June 2012.

On 15 June 2015, the Council of Ministers of BiH and UN BiH signed the UN Joint Programme and Budget Framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2015–2019. The UN Development Assistance Framework covers SALW related issues under the strategic areas of the Rule of Law and Human Security.

The European Union adopted Regulation 258/2012³ aimed at combating illicit arms trafficking through improved tracking and control of civilian firearms exports from the European Union, including measures targeting their import and transit. It also adopted Decision 2013/698/, dated 25 November 2013, in support of the global reporting mechanism on illicit small arms and light weapons and other illicit conventional arms and ammunition in order to reduce the danger of their illicit trafficking. Furthermore and taking into account the European Security Programme, on 8 October 2015 the European Union Council invited Member States, the Commission, Europol and Interpol to strengthen and use their resources to combat trafficking in firearms. In December 2015 the EU Action Plan to Combat against Illicit Trafficking in and Use of Firearms and Explosives, and the Action Plan against Illicit Trafficking of Firearms between the EU and Eastern Europe were passed (for the period from 2015 to 2019).

In light of the above and the fact that the presence of illicit arms favours organised crime, domestic violence and terrorism and as such constitutes a key security risk that slows down the path to economic development, Bosnia and Herzegovina passed the Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons for the period 2016–2020. The strategy constitutes the continuation of efforts on the part of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina to reduce the risks that small arms and light weapons represent for all aspects of security.

³ EU regulation No. 258/2012 of the European Parliament and Council dated 14 March 2012 on the implementation of Article 10 of the United Nations Protocol against Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition, complementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime.

The strategy is a continuation and expansion of activities aimed at further strengthening the efficiency of all stakeholders within the domain of the control of small arms and light weapons in Bosnia and Herzegovina. More specifically, it is aimed at the continued harmonisation of the legislation with international standards, further improvement of control over the internal and foreign trade in arms, further reduction in the number of incidents caused by the use of arms and in the number of illicit arms possessed by citizens, improved civic trust in the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina at all levels of government, and a reduction in the amount of surplus small arms and light weapons under the possession of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Special attention is given to strengthening the overall administrative capacities of all of the competent bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through implementation of the projected strategic goals and further development of international and regional cooperation in this area, Bosnia and Herzegovina will contribute not only toward improvement of general security within the country but also the region and globally.

The strategy was initiated by the Coordination Board for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as an expert inter-institutional body founded by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The task of the Coordination Board is to plan, coordinate, direct and supervise activities for implementation of the Strategy for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (2016-2020).

The terms used in this strategy, provided in a single grammatical gender for the sake of clarity, apply to both men and women without discrimination.



IMPLEMENTATION RESULTS AND STRATEGIC GOALS

Implementation of the previous SALW control strategies attained significant results, as reported annually by the Coordination Board for SALW Control to the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This issue has also been one of the priority work areas for the competent ministries. The Coordination Board reports regularly to the United Nations, OSCE and the Secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) on progress in the control of small arms in Bosnia and Herzegovina. These reports have contributed significantly to the transparency of processes and leadership in this domain as well as to the international reputation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the period 2013–2016, the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina have improved the legal framework, established electronic registries for small arms and light weapons, enhanced control over the internal and foreign trade in arms and implemented measures for the disposal of surplus arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance as well as the collection and disposal of arms possessed by the civilian population. They have also implemented awareness strengthening campaigns and reported regularly to international organisations to this effect.

The strategy defines four strategic goals for improved control over small arms and light weapons:

- 1. improved legal framework and implementation of the SALW legislation,**
- 2. reduced presence of illegal SALW,**
- 3. improved management of SALW possessed by the Armed Forces of BiH,**
- 4. improved international and regional cooperation and collaboration with civil society organisations.**

2.1. Improved Legal Framework and Implementation of SALW Legislation

In relation to the improved legislative framework in BiH, activities have been finalised to divide the existing Law on the Control of Foreign Trade in Commodities and Services, which is of strategic significance for the security of BiH, into two laws. This covers the foreign trade in arms and military equipment, as harmonised with the UN Protocol, the Common EU Position on Arms Export, and the commitments undertaken in line with the ATT.

In relation to this, the following laws have been adopted:

- Law on Control of Foreign Trade in Arms, Military Equipment and Special Purpose Commodities (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 53/16);
- Law on Control of Foreign Trade in Dual Purpose Commodities (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 53/16).

Activities have also been undertaken aimed at adoption of the Law on Labelling of Small Arms, Light Weapons and Accompanying Ammunition.

In addition to the above mentioned items, the Law on Amendments to the Law on Control of the Movement of Arms and Military Equipment has been adopted (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 22/16). The aforementioned Law regulates in more detail certain specific issues related to the control of movement of arms and military equipment in BiH.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has decentralised competence over segments pertaining to the purchase, possession and carrying of arms. Thus, this segment is governed according to the regulations of Republika Srpska, the cantons of the Federation of BiH and of Brcko District. Therefore, for the abovementioned reasons, twelve laws on arms and ammunition are in effect in BiH.

In light of the need to harmonise this area with the European acquis, the Council of Ministers of BiH at its seventeenth session, held on 30 July 2015, adopted the Information on Implementation of Activities Related to the Harmonisation of Laws on Arms in BiH, Mutually and with International Standards.

This applies specifically to four areas:

1. definitions within the laws on arms and ammunition,
2. categorisation of arms,
3. the design of documents related to arms,
4. criminal provisions in the laws pertaining to arms and ammunition.

This issue is also addressed through the Council of Ministers of BiH Reform Agenda and constitutes one more of the Agenda commitments that have been met.

The measures aimed at harmonising the Law on the Possession and Carrying of Arms in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the relevant European Union regulations have resulted in the passing of the Law on Arms of Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Brcko District, No. 02/10) and the Law on Arms and Ammunition of Republika Srpska (Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, No. 26/16). Laws on arms have also been harmonised with international standards in Canton 10, the Bosnian Podrinje Canton, the Central Bosnia Canton and in Tuzla Canton. Those cantons that have not harmonised their laws will continue with the harmonisation of their legislation with the European acquis.

In the area of information systems, significant results have been attained in terms of data digitalisation within the domain of civilian possession of arms.

The Ministry of Security of BiH has established and put into function the Central Electronic Record on the Control of the Movement of Arms and Military Equipment in BiH. This system includes the integration of police agencies at the entity level and these records are the foundation for the compilation and analysis of data on the movement of arms and military equipment in BiH. The entity/cantonal ministries of interior and the police of Brcko District possess electronic records on arms.

The Agreement on the Establishment of a System for Electronic Exchange of Data from the Records of Police Authorities and Prosecutors Offices, signed on 30 September 2009⁴, enables an exchange of data from the records on arms as well as direct access to databases and the exchange of data on arms kept by the competent police agencies. This Agreement allows for the direct exchange of data from records on arms searches, records on persons transferring arms and ammunition across the state border, records on seized, confiscated and found arms and ammunition. In cooperation with all signatories to the Agreement, the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH fully implemented the Electronic Data Exchange System on 12 July 2013. The electronic system (server) for the exchange of records is located at the Directorate for the Coordination of the Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH has developed a functional analysis of the already established tracker system, while recommendations have been made for upgrading the system. The aforementioned Ministry has established a database on all permits issued for the import/export of weapons and military equipment, in line with the Law on Control of the Foreign Trade in Commodities and Services of Strategic Importance to Security. This data has been submitted to the Council of Ministers of BiH and the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH in the form of reports.

⁴ The signatories of the Agreement are the Ministry of Security of BiH, Border Police of BiH, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, Federal Police Administration of the FBiH, the ministries of interior of all of the cantons of the FBiH, police of Brcko District and subsequently the Service for Foreigners Affairs of BiH.

Over the previous period, those BiH institutions involved in the process of granting permits for the import/export of arms and military equipment have used the SEESAC database of existing brokers for issuing permits for the import/export of weapons and military equipment as well as for the categories of weapons and military equipment used in the region. This database allows for information exchange among the states of the region in terms of SALW.

In order to ensure more efficient information exchange, the General Secretariat of Interpol (with its seat in Lyon) has successfully installed the arms tracing system at the Directorate for the Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH (*Illicit Arms and Tracing Management System - iARMS*). This system is part of the Interpol information system and represents a sophisticated tool for ensuring the exchange of information and investigative cooperation among law enforcement agencies in relation to the international movement of illegal arms and of legal arms used to commit crimes.

In order to improve the quality of forensic and ballistic testing and expert examination, the competent institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall continue to strengthen their technical and administrative capacities.

Over the forthcoming period, Bosnia and Herzegovina shall conduct a number of related activities:

- develop an all-encompassing situational analysis that covers the harmonisation of legislation in BiH with European and international legal frameworks,
- continue the harmonisation of the legislative and the administrative frameworks and their full implementation,
- strengthen the capacity of BiH to combat the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons and the accompanying ammunition.

2.2. Reduce the Presence of Illegal SALW

Over the past period, Bosnia and Herzegovina has conducted two citizen awareness raising campaigns.

The first awareness raising campaign related to the negative aspects of illegal arms possession and was implemented in 2010. The campaign was conducted in various cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and aimed at informing citizens, the non-governmental sector and the media about the dangers and consequences of the illegal possession of arms.

The second campaign was implemented for the first time throughout the entire territory of BiH in cooperation with the cantonal ministries of interior, the Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska and the police of Brcko District over the period from September 2013 through to the end of 2014. It was centred on awareness raising and the collection of small arms and light weapons from citizens. The campaign was implemented through funds provided by the European Union and through support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) mission in BiH, the UK Government, UNICEF and the World Future Council.

The successful arms gathering campaign was based on the legislative framework reflected in the Law on Amnesty for the Illicit Possession of Arms that was in effect up until the end of 2014 in the Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District. This law had a stimulating effect on those persons who possessed illegal weapons and wanted to divest them in a legal manner without suffering criminal prosecution or sanction. Through promotional activities, during this period the campaign was promoted in 40 cities/municipalities in BiH. The police agencies gathered a total of 5,883 weapons. Eight arms disposal events were organised during the campaign, based on the method

of smelting at the iron smelting facility at Jelsingrad in Banja Luka. A total of 11,363 small arms and light weapons were destroyed during these events, including other arms and accompanying equipment.

To mark the occasion of International Arms Disposal Day, on 9 July 2016, 1,008 small arms and light weapons were destroyed at the iron smelting facility at Jelsingrad in Banja Luka in cooperation with the UNDP.

The Law on Arms and Ammunition of Republika Srpska also envisages the legalisation of arms up until 31 December 2016, specifically for arms that have not been legalised to date (if the legal conditions have been met).

In terms of implementation of the goals of the strategy pertaining to the reduction of arms and ammunition smuggled across the state border, the table below shows the number temporarily confiscated by the BiH Border Police for the period 2013-2015.

| CONFISCATED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Rifles and Semiautomatic Rifles | 18 pcs | 6 pcs | 5 pcs |
| Automatic Rifles | 10 pcs | 4 pcs | 2 pcs |
| Handguns, Automatic Handguns and Revolvers | 15 pcs | 12 pcs | 8 pcs |
| Hand Grenades, Rifle Grenade | 18 pcs | / | 2 pcs |
| Landmines and Explosive Ordnance | 115 pcs | 2 pcs | 10 pcs |
| Explosives | 50.2 kg | / | / |
| Ammunition of Various Calibre | 7,224 pcs | 709 pcs | 1,239 pcs |

For the aforementioned weapons and ammunition temporarily confiscated over the period 2013–2015, **53 official reports** were filed with the competent prosecution offices and 69 persons were reported in connection with the 57 crimes committed. In addition to the above, over the same period, **71 minor offenses** were recorded in relation to the temporary confiscation of weapons and ammunition.

Due to the various methodologies used in the compilation of statistics on SALW, the SALW Coordination Board has identified the need to improve the coordination and balancing of statistical reports.

During 2016, the Coordination Board completed an analysis of the condition of warehouses used for the storage of police weapons and equipment. As a result, activities have been planned on the development of projects for the construction of new or the improvement of existing warehouses in line with international standards.

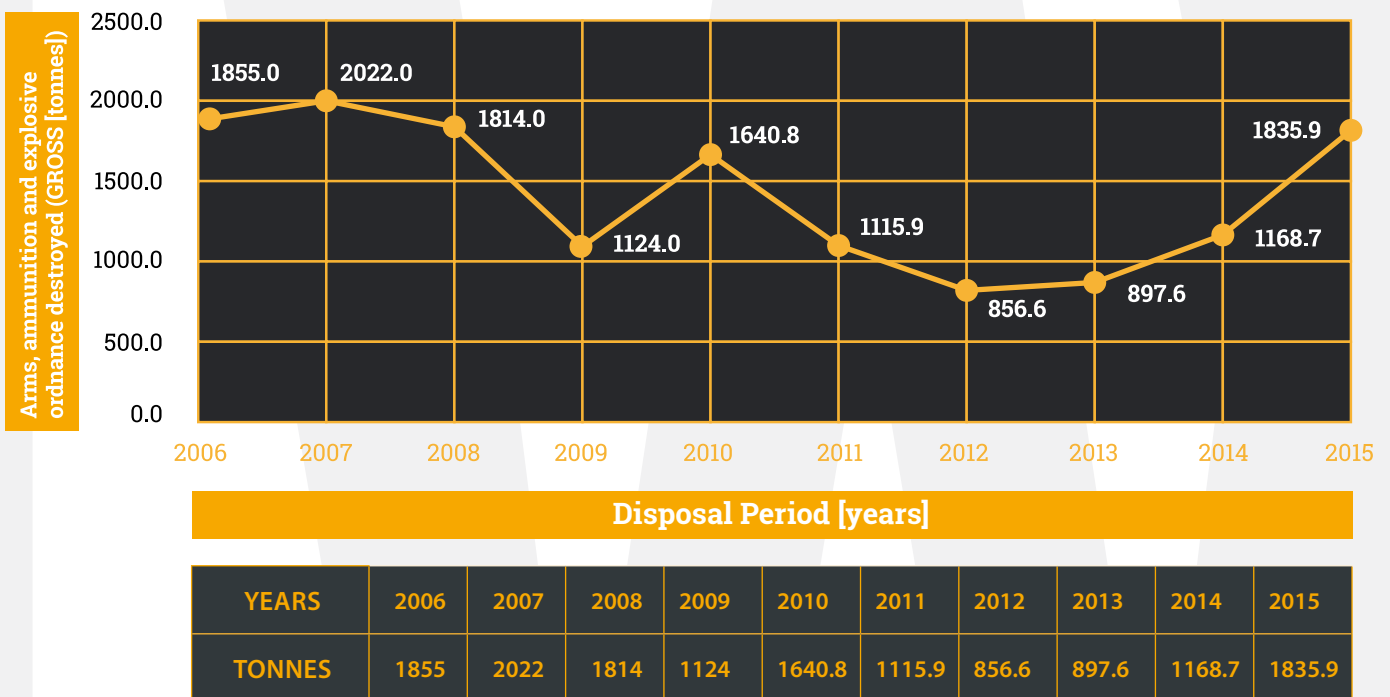
Bosnia and Herzegovina will undertake a number of activities within the period of the duration of the strategy:

- implement all-encompassing research into the presence of small arms and light weapons and their influence on society, conduct awareness raising activities and collect and dispose of small arms and light weapons;
- intensify activities undertaken through the Community Policing Project;
- develop a methodology for the compilation of statistics;
- strengthen citizen awareness on the risks of SALW;
- collect and dispose of illicit small arms and light weapons and the accompanying ammunition;
- improve the capacities for storage, warehousing and the disposal of small arms and light weapons at police agencies.

2.3. Management of SALW in the Possession of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Over the period 2009-2012, in line with the Operations Plan of the Armed Forces of BiH on arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance, 4,737 tonnes of surplus ammunition, landmines and explosive ordnance were demilitarised together with 30,081 pieces of small arms and light weapons. All of these were from the category of surplus arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance of the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Over the period 2013-2015, in line with the Operations Plan of the Armed Forces of BiH on arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance, 3,902 tonnes of surplus ammunition, landmines and explosive ordnance were demilitarised.

Arms, Ammunition and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Curve for the period 1.1.2006 to 31.12.2015



Graph: Disposal of ammunition, landmines and explosive ordnance (gross tonnes).

Under a project aimed at improving the security infrastructure of the Ministry of Defence of BiH at the ammunition and weapons storage sites at 'Krupa' Hadzici, 'Kula 1' Mrkonjic Grad, 'TBT' Visoko and 'Rabic' Derventa, activities have continued on security related enhancement of the storage conditions for arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance as well as further development of accompanying infrastructure through the implementation of activities within UNDP's EXPLODE project and OSCE's SECUP project.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with international organisations, shall continue the activities aimed at infrastructural upgrades.

In the upcoming period, the Armed Forces of BiH will undertake a number of activities:

- continued action to address the issue of SALW surpluses in the possession of the Armed Forces of BiH,
- placement of ammunition and explosive ordnance in buildings intended for their storage,
- upgrading of the SALW storage sites,
- strengthening the administrative capacity for SALW management.

2.4. International and Regional Cooperation and Collaboration with Civil Society Organisations

Bosnia and Herzegovina has administrative capacity in place for implementation of international and regional cooperation aimed at the prevention of illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons.

In the past, the Coordination Board and the competent institutions have had significant cooperation with international organisations such as SEESAC, UNDP and OSCE. The cooperation with SEESAC was reflected through support for the operations of the network of experts (operative officers) involved in matters pertaining to illegal arms trafficking

(SEEFEN) and support for the preparation and publication of regional reports on the actual import and export of weapons and military equipment. UNDP has provided support related to the modernisation of storage sites, implementation of campaigns and awareness raising on the risks of SALW, surplus arms and illicit SALW disposal processes. OSCE has assisted in the development of the legislative framework.

In cooperation with the Office of the Special Representative of the European Union and the Ministry of Security of BiH, UNDP BiH organised a ministerial conference in Sarajevo on 18 and 19 June 2013 on arms control within the context of European Union enlargement. In addition to representatives of the competent BiH institutions, the conference was also attended by representatives of Europol, EUROFOR and ICITAP as well as a number of embassies. The conference also produced recommendations identified at the EU level and mentioned in the Communication of the Commission dated 21 October 2013 (p. 14) to the Council and the European Parliament.⁵

A workshop titled 'Prevention of Illegal Trafficking of Weapons' was held at the organisation TAIEX in April 2016. The workshop presented the measures undertaken in order to prevent arms trafficking, the problems faced by the competent authorities in practice and offered the participants a chance to exchange experiences.

Bosnia and Herzegovina shall continue implementation of the following activities:

- In accordance with its international obligations and with the commitment to increase transparency within the domain of export/import control, BiH shall continue with the practice of regular weapons and military equipment related reporting based on the UN Action Programme for SALW, the OSCE SALW Paper and the provisions of the ATT.

⁵ Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament, 'Firearms and the internal security of the EU: protecting citizens and disrupting illegal trafficking'. Available from http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/trafficking-in-firearms/docs/1_en_act_part1_v12.pdf

- In order to ensure enhanced regional cooperation within the domain of SALW, BiH shall continue with the positive practice of drafting the regional report on the actual trade in weapons and military equipment.
- BiH shall continue with the practice of regular consultations on the topic of SALW control in all its aspects, both at the bilateral and multilateral level.
- BiH will continue cooperation with international and regional organisations.
- BiH will strengthen cooperation with civil society associations.
- Special significance shall be attached to the influence of the use of arms in cases of domestic violence as well as the different influences that SALW have on men and women.



CONCLUSION

The SALW Strategy and the accompanying Action Plan have been developed based on the existing legislative framework of the European Union, United Nations and other international organisations.

This strategic and implementation framework is of particular importance for all participants and institutions involved in the SALW process and it provides the possibility for further improvement of cooperation between all competent bodies and institutions. It also provides clear guidelines for the improvement of bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Once a year the Coordination Board will analyse the implementation of all planned activities and submit a report and, if necessary, propose corrective measures to the Council of Ministers of BiH aimed at the efficient implementation of this strategy.

**1. IMPROVEMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SALW LEGISLATION**

1.1. IMPROVED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|---|--|---|--|------------------------|
| Drafting of the situational analysis related to the harmonisation of domestic legislation in the domain of SALW. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board. Cooperating partners: Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, cantonal ministries of interior of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the police of Brcko District. | Situational analysis drafted. | Budget of BiH and competent authorities/UNDP | Fourth quarter of 2016 |
| Passing of the Law on Arms and the passing of bylaws. | Holder: Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, cantonal ministries of interior of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the police of Brcko District. | Laws and bylaws passed. | Budget of the competent authorities in BiH | 2020 |
| Monitoring of international standards and harmonisation of domestic legislation in the domain of the foreign trade and Manufacture of SALW. | Holder: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH. Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Ministry of Defence of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, cantonal ministries of interior of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the police of Brcko District. | Domestic legislation harmonised with international standards and obligations. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------------|
| Monitoring of other regulations (criminal code, minor offense code, etc.) aimed at full implementation of the SALW strategy. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board in cooperation with the competent bodies in BiH. | Recommendations to the competent bodies for the amendment of regulations. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| 1.2. STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES TO COMBAT ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS | | | | |
| Organise training sessions, courses and workshops aimed at sharing information about the specific features of researching and processing this segment of organised crime. | Holders: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Agency for Nuclear and Radioactive Safety of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH and cantonal ministries of interior. | The report on the number of training sessions and courses drafted. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding/ TAIEX/OSCE | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| Procurement of appropriate equipment needed to combat illicit trafficking in arms more efficiently (booster devices, endoscopes, various types of sensors, etc.) | Ministry of Security of BiH, Agency for Nuclear and Radioactive Safety of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH and cantonal ministries of interior. | Equipment procured and training sessions on the use of the equipment completed. | Budget of BiH and competent bodies in BiH/donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Organisation and participation at international conferences, seminars and symposia and other forms of cooperation in the domain of small arms and light weapons control. | Holders: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Agency for Nuclear and Radioactive Safety of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH and cantonal ministries of interior. | Report on participation at seminars, symposia and conferences drafted. | Budget of BiH and competent bodies in BiH/donor funding/TAIEX | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|---|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| <p>Maintaining regular contact and exchange of information among the competent institutions of the countries in the region (SEEFEN network and others).</p> | <p>Holders: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH and cantonal ministries of interior.</p> | <p>Report drafted on the information exchanged.</p> | <p>Budget of BiH, donor funding</p> | <p>On a continuous basis</p> |
| <p>Training on the general principles of labelling and tracing of arms in compliance with international standards and commitments.</p> | <p>Holder: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH. Cooperating partners: Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District and cantonal ministries of interior.</p> | <p>Report drafted on the training sessions completed.</p> | <p>Budget of BiH and competent bodies in BiH/donor funding/TALEX programme</p> | <p>On a continuous basis</p> |

| | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME | |
|--|---|--|---------------------|---|-----------|--|
| | Procurement of equipment to enable the tracing and archiving of data (software and hardware solutions). | <p>Holder: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District and cantonal ministries of interior.</p> | Equipment procured. | Budget of BiH/ competent bodies in BiH, donor funding | 2017 | |

1.3. UPGRADING THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONTROL OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

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|--|---|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Equipping of forensic laboratories in Bosnia and Herzegovina and training on the use of the equipment for staff. | <p>Holders: The Agency for Forensic Testing and Examinations of BiH, Banja Luka Clinical Centre, Public Institute for Forensic Medicine of Banja Luka and other institutions and laboratories found on the list of institutions and laboratories performing forensic testing, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska and the Ministry of Interior of the Federation.</p> | Procurement of the necessary equipment completed. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Implementation of the agreement with Interpol on the use of the iARMS information system. | <p>Holder: Directorate for the Coordination of Police Bodies.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska and cantonal ministries of interior.</p> | Report drafted on the implementation of the agreement. | Budget of BiH | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
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| <p>Training for staff on how to use the upgraded iARMS system.</p> | <p>Holder: Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies. Cooperating partners: State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska and cantonal ministries of interior.</p> | <p>Report drafted on the training sessions completed.</p> | <p>Budget of BiH/ donor funding</p> | <p>On a continuous basis</p> |
| <p>Further upgrading of the software solution for the registry of the movement of arms and military equipment.</p> | <p>Holder: Ministry of Security of BiH. Beneficiaries: Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, cantonal ministries of interior and the police of Brcko District.</p> | <p>Upgrading the functionality of the registry.</p> | <p>Budget of BiH/ donor funding</p> | <p>2019</p> |

1.4. ENHANCEMENT OF CONTROL OVER THE MANUFACTURING AND TRADE IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
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| <p>Organisation of topical meetings and roundtables aimed at information exchange and enhancement of inter-agency cooperation/ collaboration with business entities.</p> | <p>Holder: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: Ministry of Defence of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH, Agency for Nuclear and Radioactive Safety of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, Indirect Taxation Authority, Border Police of BiH, Ministry of Interior of the Federation of BiH, Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, police of Brcko District, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH and cantonal ministries of interior.</p> | <p>Report drafted on the meetings held.</p> | <p>Budget of BiH</p> | <p>On a continuous basis</p> |
| <p>Supervision of business entities involved in the manufacture and foreign trade in SALW.</p> | <p>Holder: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH.</p> | <p>Analysis of completed inspections.</p> | <p>Budget of BiH</p> | <p>On a continuous basis</p> |

2. REDUCED PRESENCE OF ILLICIT SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

2.1. MONITORING OF STATISTICS IN THE DOMAIN OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND THE ACCOMPANYING AMMUNITION

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|---|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Carry out a mapping of the current statistics on SALW maintained by the competent agencies. | <p>Holder: SALW Coordination Board.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Border Police of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District, Ministry of Defence of BiH and the statistics agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> | Analysis of the required data completed. | Budget of BiH | 2016 |
| Develop a single format for the compilation of statistics in the domain of SALW. | <p>Holder: SALW Coordination Board.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Border Police of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH, entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District, Ministry of Defence of BiH and the statistics agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> | Format developed. | Budget of BiH | 2016 |
| Introduce coordinated compilation and recording of data on cases of domestic violence involving the use or threat of weapons (at all relevant institutions/justice and public security bodies). | <p>Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District and the statistics agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> | Data compiled and recorded. | | On a continuous basis |

| | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Compilation and comparison of data in the domain of SALW. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board. Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Border Police of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District, Ministry of Defence of BiH and the statistics agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Situational analysis completed with the proposed measures. | Budget of BiH | On a continuous basis |
| | Drafting of the annual report for the Council of Ministers of BiH, UN and OSCE as well as other international commitments. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board. | Report drafted and submitted in accordance with the timeline. | Budget of BiH | On a continuous basis |

2.2. AWARENESS RAISING ON THE RISKS OF SALW

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| Work permanently on raising awareness on the dangers and risks of SALW through various forms of communication with the target groups (pupils at primary and secondary schools). | Holder: SALW Coordination Board, entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District and the entity ministries of education. | Completed action plan for awareness raising on the risks of SALW (2017), training sessions at schools completed and promotional material produced. | Budget of BiH/ budget of the competent bodies in BiH/donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Implementation of the awareness raising campaign on this issue. | Holder: Ministry of Interior of the Republika Srpska/ cantonal ministries of interior and the police of Brcko District. | The number of campaigns conducted. The number of other activities conducted. | Donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Through community policing work, ensure continuous activities aimed at raising citizen awareness on the risks of SALW. | Holders: Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska/cantonal ministries of interior and the police of Brcko District. | Report drafted on the activities conducted. | Budget of BiH/ budget of the competent bodies in BiH/donor funding | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Continue cooperation under the Citizen Security Forums. | Holders: entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District and the competent local community bodies. | The number of Citizen Security Forums established. | Budget of BiH/ budget of the competent bodies in BiH/donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Conduct comprehensive research into the presence of illicit SALW within the territory of BiH. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board. Cooperating partners: entity and cantonal ministries of interior, healthcare institutions and the non-governmental sector. | Research completed. | Budget of BiH | 2017 |
| 2.3. COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ILLICIT SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS | | | | |
| Collection of surrendered arms and accompanying ammunition. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board. Cooperating partners: entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District, Civil Protection Authority of Republika Srpska and the Federal Civil Protection Authority. | Campaign conducted. Report drafted on the quantities of surrendered and collected arms. | Budget of BiH and competent bodies in BiH, donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Disposal of arms and accompanying ammunition. | Holders: entity/cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District in cooperation with UNDP. | Report on the quantities of destroyed arms. | Budget of the competent bodies in BiH, donor funding | On a continuous basis |

2.4. ENHANCING CAPACITIES FOR THE KEEPING, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SALW AT POLICE AGENCIES

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|--|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| Determine the current situation and develop proposals for enhancing standards for keeping arms and ammunition at the storage sites of the police agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Holder: SALW Coordination Board. Cooperating partners: State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, entity/ cantonal ministries of interior, police of Brcko District, entity level civil protection authorities and the judicial authorities in BiH. | Situational analysis completed with the proposed measures. | Budget of BiH, competent bodies in BiH/ donor funding | 2017 |
| Construction, improvement and equipping of police storage sites in accordance with priorities established on the basis of the feasibility study and the ISACS standards. | Holder: State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH, entity/ cantonal ministries of interior and the police of Brcko District. | The number of storage sites built and equipped. | Budget of BiH, competent bodies in BiH and donor funding | On a continuous basis |

3. MANAGEMENT OF SALW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF BIH

3.1. DISPOSAL OF SALW SURPLUSES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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| Conduct control and technical inspection, publish notices for the ammunition, arms and explosive ordnance to be destroyed. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Quantities of arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance. | Ministry of Defence and donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| Supervision of the destruction process and verification. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Commission report on the quantities destroyed. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
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| Transport of ammunition from non-promising to promising storage sites for ammunition and explosive ordnance. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Quantity of arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance transported. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |
| Storage of ammunition at promising sites, in line with international standards. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Quantity of arms, ammunition and explosive ordnance stored. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |
| Monitoring compliance with the regulations and standards for the disposal of SALW. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Report on compliance with the regulations. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |
| Drafting of regular and extraordinary reports on the quantities of SALW destroyed. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Submission of reports. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |
| Organise a conference on disposal processes and other activities related to SALW. | Ministry of Defence of BiH and the SALW Coordination Board. | Conference held, report completed and presented. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |
| Overview of SALW disposal processes through various media formats (TV, radio, written and electronic media). | Ministry of Defence of BiH | The number of media appearances. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |

| | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Control and supervision of the disposal of SALW surpluses in the possession of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Parliament of BiH, Council of Ministers of BiH and the Ministry of Defence of BiH. | Number of controls and supervision completed. | Budget of BiH | On a continuous basis |
| 3.2. ENHANCING CAPACITIES FOR THE STORAGE AND KEEPING OF SALW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA | | | | | |
| | Procurement and installation of equipment at storage sites for arms and ammunition in BiH. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Quantity of equipment procured. | Donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| | Infrastructural work on the storage facilities of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Number or quantity of improved storage facilities. | Donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| | Procurement and installation of equipment for the upgrading of storage conditions. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Ammunition life cycle established. | Budget of BiH and donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| | Training for staff on the management of ammunition and explosive ordnance. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Number of trainees. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |
| | Training for staff of the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces on SALW supply management. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Number of trainees. | Ministry of Defence | On a continuous basis |

| ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
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| Upgrading of the Information System for the Control of SALW in the Possession of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | Ministry of Defence of BiH | Information system upgraded. | Budget of BiH and donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| 4. INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS | | | | |
| 4.1. MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL COOPERATION AT THE LEVEL OF SALW CONTROL | | | | |
| Hold a regional conference on the challenges in the domain of SALW. | <p>Holder: SALW Coordination Board.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH and the Ministry of Defence of BiH.</p> | Regional conference held. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | 2018 |
| Organization and participation at international conferences, seminars and symposia and other forms of cooperation within the area of small arms and light weapons control. | <p>Holders: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Ministry of Defence, the entities and Brcko District.</p> | Report on participation and organisation. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | On a continuous basis |

| | ACTIVITIES | RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY/ STAKEHOLDER/ ORGANISATIONAL UNIT FOR IMPLEMENTATION | INDICATORS | SOURCES OF FUNDING | TIMEFRAME |
|--|--|---|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Cooperation with regional and other international organisations in terms of the control of small arms and light weapons. | <p>Holder: SALW Coordination Board.</p> <p>Cooperating partners: Ministry of Security of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH, Ministry of Defence of BiH, the entities and Brcko District.</p> | Report on the results of cooperation. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| | Implementation of the operational agreement with EUROPOL. | <p>Holder: Ministry of Security of BiH and all other institutions that constitute the Joint Contact Point in BiH, in line with the interim Decision on the establishment of the system for cooperation and information exchange between the competent law enforcement agencies in BiH and EUROPOL.</p> | Report on the results of implementation. | Budget of BiH | On a continuous basis |
| 4.2. COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS | | | | | |
| | Promotion of the Strategy for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons in the non-governmental sector and cooperation with the non-governmental sector. | <p>Holder: SALW Coordination Board.</p> | Number of roundtables and conferences held. | Budget of BiH/ donor funding | On a continuous basis |
| | Development of a single format for the compilation of data on the victims of SALW. | <p>Holder: SALW Coordination Board.</p> | Format developed. | Budget of BiH, donor funding | 2017 |

OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 01

ENHANCEMENT OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SALW LEGISLATION

- 1.1 ENHANCEMENT OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK
- 1.2 CAPACITY STRENGTHENING TO COMBAT AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS
- 1.3 UPGRADE OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONTROL OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS
- 1.4 ADVANCED CONTROL OVER THE MANUFACTURING AND TRADE IN SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

GOAL 02

REDUCED PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

- 2.1 MONITORING OF STATISTICS IN THE DOMAIN OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS AND THE ACCOMPANYING AMMUNITION
- 2.2 AWARENESS RAISING ON SALW RISKS
- 2.3 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ILLEGAL SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS
- 2.4 ENHANCEMENT OF CAPACITIES FOR THE STORAGE, WAREHOUSING AND DISPOSAL OF SALW AT POLICE AGENCIES

GOAL 03

MANAGEMENT OF SALW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF BIH

- 3.1 ADDRESSING THE SURPLUS OF SALW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- 3.2 IMPROVED CAPACITIES FOR THE STORAGE AND KEEPING OF SALW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

GOAL 04

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- 4.1 MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL COOPERATION AT THE LEVEL OF SALW CONTROL
- 4.2 COLLABORATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS



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