



## Assisting the National Authorities of the Republic of Albania to Decrease the Risk of Weapon Proliferation and Misuse of Small Arms and Light Weapons

### FACTS AT A GLANCE\*



### WHY THIS PROJECT?

The impact of uncontrolled proliferation and possession of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), ammunition and explosives continue to constitute a major threat to public safety, social and economic development in Albania.

### PRIORITY AREAS

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Albania and the Albanian State Police, as the main drivers of the SALW National Strategy and Action Plan, identified several priority areas of intervention such as need to establish a comprehensive legislative framework for the deactivation of firearms and its due implementation; build the capacities of the Albanian State Police in strengthening their K9 (1) capabilities in detecting SALW ammunition and explosives; increase the capacities of Albanian authorities in raising public awareness on the dangers of misuse and proliferation of SALW.

### WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

- Support to the development of a bylaw on deactivation and an action plan for its implementation;
- Support to the establishment and functioning of a mechanism for due implementation and oversight of SALW deactivation;
- Develop a Training Manual on SALW deactivation for the relevant institutions;
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the use of K9 capacities, and a K9 Master Plan;
- Offer training program on the application of the SOP for the use of K9 capacity;
- Upgrade the infrastructure of K9 office facilities and K9 surrounding area;
- Promote the use of K9 capacities through national and regional competitions;
- Develop the Awareness Raising and Communication Strategy and support its implementation by raising public awareness on the risks of SALW.

### CONTRIBUTING TO THE ROADMAP GOAL/S

#### 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 3

By 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.

### CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUSTAINABLE GOALS (SDGs)

1. Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.
2. Significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows.
3. Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international co-operation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.
4. Eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.



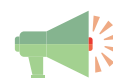
### RESULTS



SALW deactivation legislative framework and its implementation and oversight mechanisms are advanced.



The infrastructure, capacity and resources of the ASP K9 Unit to detect illicit SALW, ammunition and explosives are strengthened.



Capacity of the MoI and the National SALW Commission in organizing and conducting awareness raising and outreach activities is enhanced.

(1) Police dogs and Training Institute of State Police Dogs

### PROJECT DONORS



It takes courage  
to be gun free