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Assisting the National Authorities of the Republic of North Macedonia to Decrease the Risk of Weapon Proliferation and Misuse of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)

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Beneficiaries:	The Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia, the National SALW Commission, government institutions, and the general public
Gender Marker:	- 2 - Fully Gender Mainstreamed
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Contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



SDG 16.1 - Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere

SDG 16.4 - Significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows

SDG 16.B - Preventing violence and combating terrorism and other crimes



SDG 5.2 - Eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls



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The OSCE Mission to Skopje supports the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of North Macedonia in combating the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons through a project supporting the country's efforts to implement international commitments in the field of preventing and combating SALW proliferation.

Police Dogs (K9)

The project supports the modernization of the Police Dog (K9) Unit and increases their SALW detection capacities through a comprehensive approach:

- Establishing and refurbishing K9 facilities, including building a regional Police K9 Units, renovating the Police K9 Headquarters, and establishing Police K9 outposts
- Providing professional equipment for the deployment and training of police dogs
- Developing a Standard Operating Procedure and Training Manual for the efficient deployment of police dogs
- Supporting the training of police dog handlers and their national and international certification
- Providing a platform to promote the use of police dogs' capacities through organizing training events and competitions
- Supporting the development of a Masterplan for professionalization of the Police Dog (K9) Unit and assisting in its implementation
- Joint training and certification, as well as the manifestation of inter-agency co-operation in strategic documents between police and customs K9 Units

Police Cooperation

The project assists in improving the capacities of the Police and Customs Cooperation Centers (PCCC) and enhances their SALW detection and communication capacities through:

- Physical interventions increasing the security of the PCCCs to enable the installation of the Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA)
- Developing a Standard Operating Procedure and Training Manual for efficient operations at the PCCCs
- Establishing regional cooperation and organizing staff exchange programs for PCCC officers
- Organizing an International Police and Customs Cooperation Conference in North Macedonia
- Delivering joint training and certification courses and supporting the development and implementation of strategic documents to strengthen cooperation between Police and Customs K9 Units

Regional Cooperation

- The project focuses on fostering regional cooperation through a multifaceted approach, including staff exchange programs, regional training initiatives, and study visits. These efforts are geared toward enhancing interinstitutional cooperation among participating countries and promoting closer collaboration and mutual understanding across borders. Overall, regional cooperation facilitates collective action and synergy among countries, enabling them to tackle common challenges and seize shared opportunities more effectively than they could alone

The National SALW Commission

The project assists the National SALW Commission in increasing its capacities through procedural improvements and the development of strategic documents, as well as increasing public outreach by:

- Organizing an inter-agency cooperation workshop to establish inter-ministerial cooperation on SALW and set the basis for developing documents and strategies
- Developing Rules of Procedure and an Orientation Manual for the National SALW Commission
- Developing a Communication Strategy for the National SALW Commission's public outreach
- Supporting a public awareness campaign on the threats of SALW proliferation and the misuse of firearms

Weapon Deactivation and Destruction

The project supports aligning national firearm deactivation and weapon destruction verification and registration mechanisms with the National Strategy for SALW and international best practices through:

- Developing a Standard Operating Procedure for the destruction of weapons
- Developing a Standard Operating Procedure for the registration of deactivated firearms
- Delivering specialized training and providing equipment to firearm deactivation and weapon destruction inspectors
- Upgrading the physical infrastructure for the administrative and inspection facilities managing weapon destruction and firearm deactivation
- Upgrading the physical infrastructure and providing equipment assistance for the safe and secure handling and storage of seized and surrendered SALW and conventional ammunition

