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Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

# OSCE Project Addressing Security and Safety Risks of Illegal Possession, Misuse and Trafficking of SALW and their Ammunition in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**OSCE is a natural partner  
for SALW-related issues  
due to its longstanding  
presence in BiH and  
cross-dimensional  
programme-based  
approach to security**

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**Start date:** 1 November 2020

**End date:** 31 December 2024

**Donors:** 

**Location:** Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Fields of engagement:**

Police Development, Security Co-operation, Law Enforcement

## Overarching Objective:

To support BiH in mitigating the security and safety risks related to illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and their ammunition

## Rationale

- To improve co-operation among law enforcement agencies (LEAs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) on implementing the *BiH Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and the regional Roadmap on SALW control*;
- To strengthen the capacities for control of illicit proliferation of SALW and of Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (SCA);
- To support the development of a better-governed security sector able to effectively respond to SALW-related security threats and challenges.





## High-impact Approach: Key Results

- SALW and ammunition storage infrastructure of LEAs is assessed and upgraded in line with international standards;
- Strengthened K9 capacities of LEAs for detecting SALW, ammunition and explosives;
- Legislative and regulatory framework on SALW deactivation is developed and operationalized;
- An integrated SALW and ammunition inter-institutional case database and tracking system is developed;
- Institutional awareness on SALW control is increased and monitoring and evaluation tools for institution-led public awareness and outreach are developed.

## Ownership and Sustainability Aims

- Beneficiary LEAs are independently operating and managing SALW storage sites;
- A SALW co-ordination mechanism and an awareness-raising/communication strategy are in place;
- Beneficiary LEAs are able to optimize the SALW-related content management system (CMS) architecture and procedures;
- The SALW-related standard operating procedures (SOPs) are institutionalized and the SALW-related training curricula, modules and materials are incorporated into the official training programmes.



## Contribution to Gender Equality

- Support to gender mainstreaming in the area of SALW control;
- Improving the collection, use and exchange of gender- and sex-disaggregated data, including on domestic violence and gender-based violence;
- Strengthening beneficiaries' capacity to conduct gender-responsive and gender-sensitive communication.

## Partners

### The Project involves 35 partner institutions:

- BiH SALW Control Co-ordination Board
- BiH Ministry of Security
- State, entity, cantonal and Brčko District LEAs
- Prosecutors' offices
- Courts and penitentiary services



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