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**Cross-Regional Meeting on the Illicit Trafficking in  
Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition  
from, to and across the European Union**

**Context and Objectives**

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Firearms Trafficking is  
linked to multiple security  
threats



Cybercrime



Human Trafficking



Where do the illicit  
firearms come from?



Drug Trafficking



Terrorism



Violent Crime



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## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16**

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



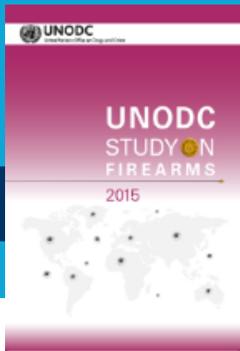
## **Nexus Between Illicit Arms and Development**

16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime

16.4.2 Proportion of seized, found or surrendered arms whose illicit origin or context has been traced or established by a competent authority in line with international instruments

**2015**

The **2030 SDGs** are adopted and, subsequently, **UNODC and UNODA** are designated **co-custodians** of target indicator 16.4.2.



**2010 - 2015**

UNODC is mandated by COP to develop the **Firearms Study** (res. 5/4, 6/2). The first UNODC Study on Firearms is **published in 2015**.

**April 2017**

Start of **EU-UNODC Project** on Firearms data collection and analysis

**14 June 2018**

The IAFQ 2018 is **launched**.

**2018 – 2019**

Regional meetings on firearms data collection and analysis, Technical assistance activities

**October 2019**

Cross-regional meeting on firearms trafficking to, from and across the EU

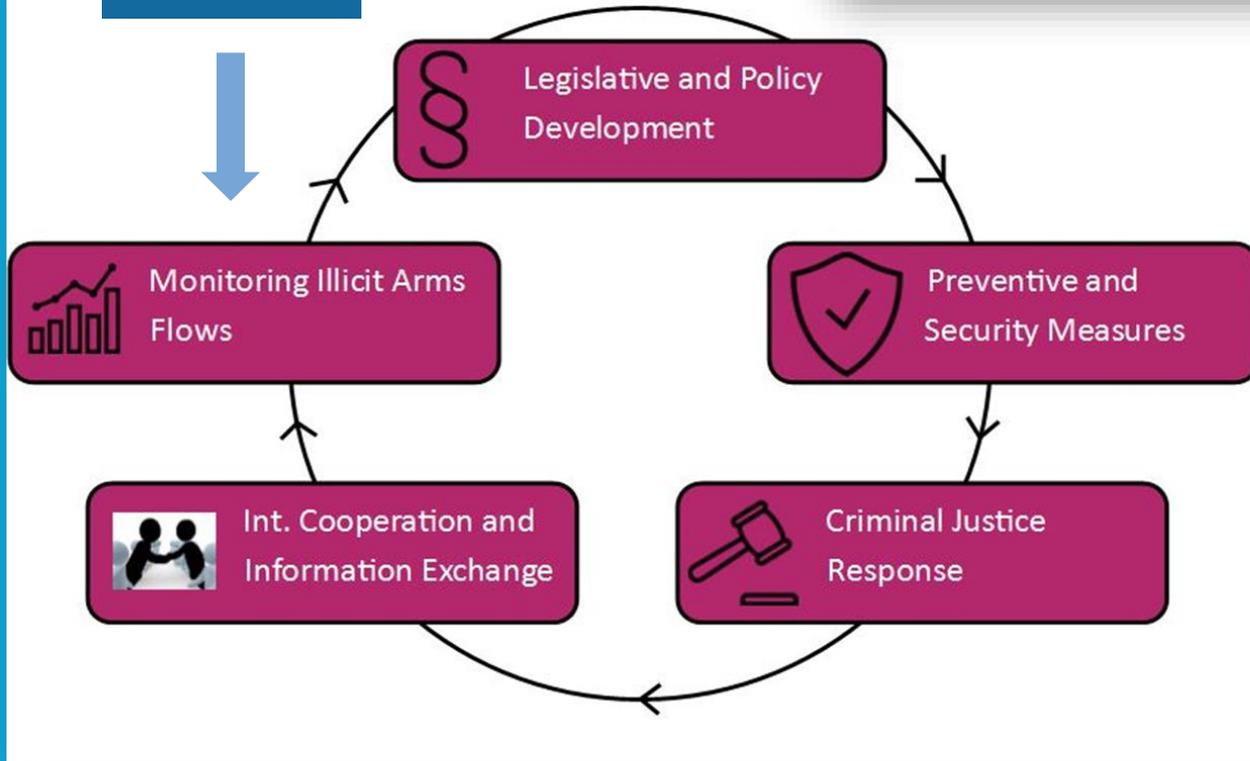
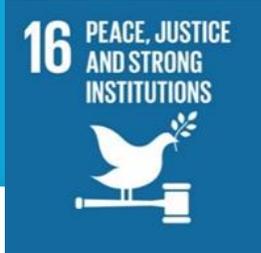
**2016**

UNODC is mandated by the COP “to **continue to collect and analyse**, on a regular basis, quantitative and qualitative information and suitably disaggregated data on trafficking in **firearms, their parts and components and ammunition**” and to take into account **target 16.4** of the SDGs (res. 8/3).

**Immediate next step**

Launch of the Global Study on Firearms Trafficking.

# How to address firearms trafficking and achieve SDG target 16.4?





## The EU-UNODC project on firearms data collection and analysis:

**Development of Tools**

### **Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire:**

Collects standardized and comparable data on seized, found and surrendered firearms

**Technical Assistance**

**Capacity building:** Template for in the field data collection & technical assistance activities

**Research and data analysis**

**Reports and studies on firearms trafficking:** Global, regional and national studies and reports

Video on Monitoring illicit Arms Flows Initiative



## First underlying principle of the initiative:

### Linking law enforcement and statistical efforts

The initiative is not a purely statistical exercise.

As relevant data comes from the criminal justice system, technical assistance activities as well as efforts to obtain more qualitative information mainly target criminal justice practitioners.

Efforts are being made to reach out to national statistical structures and to raise their awareness on the topic of illicit firearms.

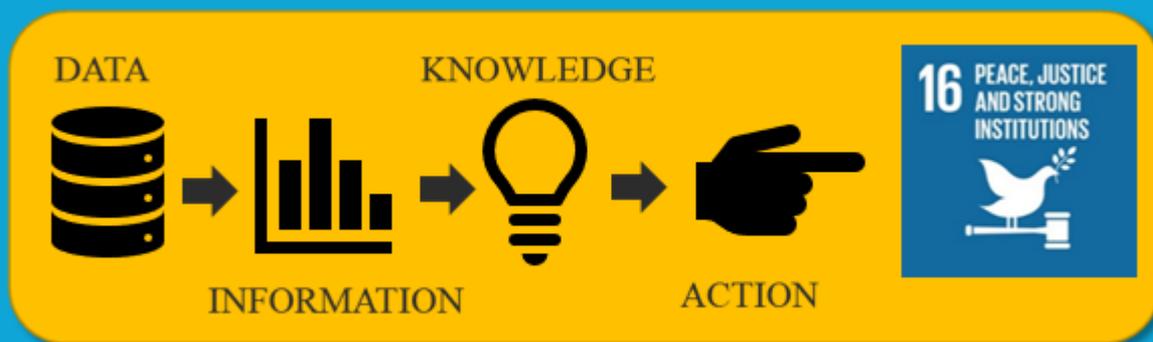


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## Second underlying principle of the initiative:

### From Data to Action



Bringing the data collected and analysed at global level back to its Member States, with a view to fostering the use of the data for strategic and operational purposes in the fight against illicit trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition.



## Objectives and Opportunities of the Meeting

- Develop a common understanding on:
  - The nature, scope and modus operandi regarding illicit firearms trafficking to, from and across the EU;
  - The implications of this understanding as regards law enforcement and prosecutorial action to counter the phenomenon;
  - The way forward in enhancing the evidence-base on illicit firearms flows, in increasing international cooperation and in addressing trafficking to, from and across the EU.
- Identify and create opportunities to enhance inter-institutional as well as international cooperation and information exchange.



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**Thank you!**

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