

AGENDA

Joint EU Commission /UNODC Webinar

Firearms Trafficking: Policy Implications and Responses in Europe

**Thursday, 17 September 2020 - 9:30-12:30 CET
via Webex**

9:00 – 9:30 Login and testing

09:30-09:45 Opening Remarks

- Mr. Olivier Onidi, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission
- Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC

09:45-10:45 Session 1: Firearms trafficking in the world and in Europe: Research findings and policy responses

This session serves to take stock about knowledge and insights on firearms trafficking globally and within Europe, resulting from two major research works developed by UNODC under the joint EU/UNODC Project on Monitoring illicit firearms trafficking in particular to, from and through the European Union, and the EU response to this threat.

Global Study on Firearms Trafficking 2020 - Key Findings and Related Technical Tools

- Mr. Antoine Vella, Research Officer, Research and Trend Analysis Branch, UNODC
- Ms. Mareike Buettner, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Global Firearms Programme, UNODC

Zooming into one region: Illicit Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts, Components and Ammunition to, from and across the European Union – A regional analysis

- Mr. Nils Duquet, UNODC Consultant and Acting Director, Flemish Peace Institute

Policy Responses - The EU Action Plan on Firearms Trafficking

- Mr. Jorge Manuel Bento Silva, DG HOME, European Commission

Questions and Answers

10:45 – 12:15 **Session 2: Panel Discussions**

The second session of the webinar will focus on the policy conclusions and responses, and recommendations for further actions that emanate from the research findings. Presenters and panellists will exchange views with a pool of experts and representatives from key international and regional organizations, civil society organizations as well as national actors, engaged in countering illicit firearms trafficking. Discussions will evolve around following topics:

- Policy implications of the research findings for Europe and globally.
- Key areas of intervention to strengthen the criminal justice response and international cooperation to counter the problem of firearms trafficking at national, regional and international level.
- How can we support countries building up their national capacity to enhance their intelligence picture, operational actions and information exchange on firearms trafficking?
- National experiences and practices.
- Looking forward: Operationalization of the EU Action Plan and continuation of global efforts to monitor illicit trafficking flows in the context of the SDG 16.4.

The panellists and guest speakers will include:

- Mr. Emmanuel Vallens, DG HOME European Commission
- Ms. Simonetta Grassi, Global Firearms Programme, UNODC
- Mr. Ivaylo Stefanov, Firearms Programme, INTERPOL
- Mr. Marinus-Martin Van der Meij, Weapons & Explosives Analysis Project, EUROPOL
- Mr. Jose Romero Morgaz, EMPACT Firearms Driver, Guardia Civil, Spain
- Ms. Bojana Balon, SEESAC, UNDP
- National experts

Questions and Answers

12:15 – 12:30 **Conclusions and Closing of the Event**

- Ms. Floriana Sipala, European Commission Head of the Organised Crime and Drugs Policy Unit, DG HOME
- Mr. Tofik Murshudlu, Chief of the Implementation Support Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, UNODC

The event is moderated by Ms. Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Independent Expert.



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