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Integrated Approaches to Addressing Illicit Firearms Trafficking under the Western Balkans' Roadmap

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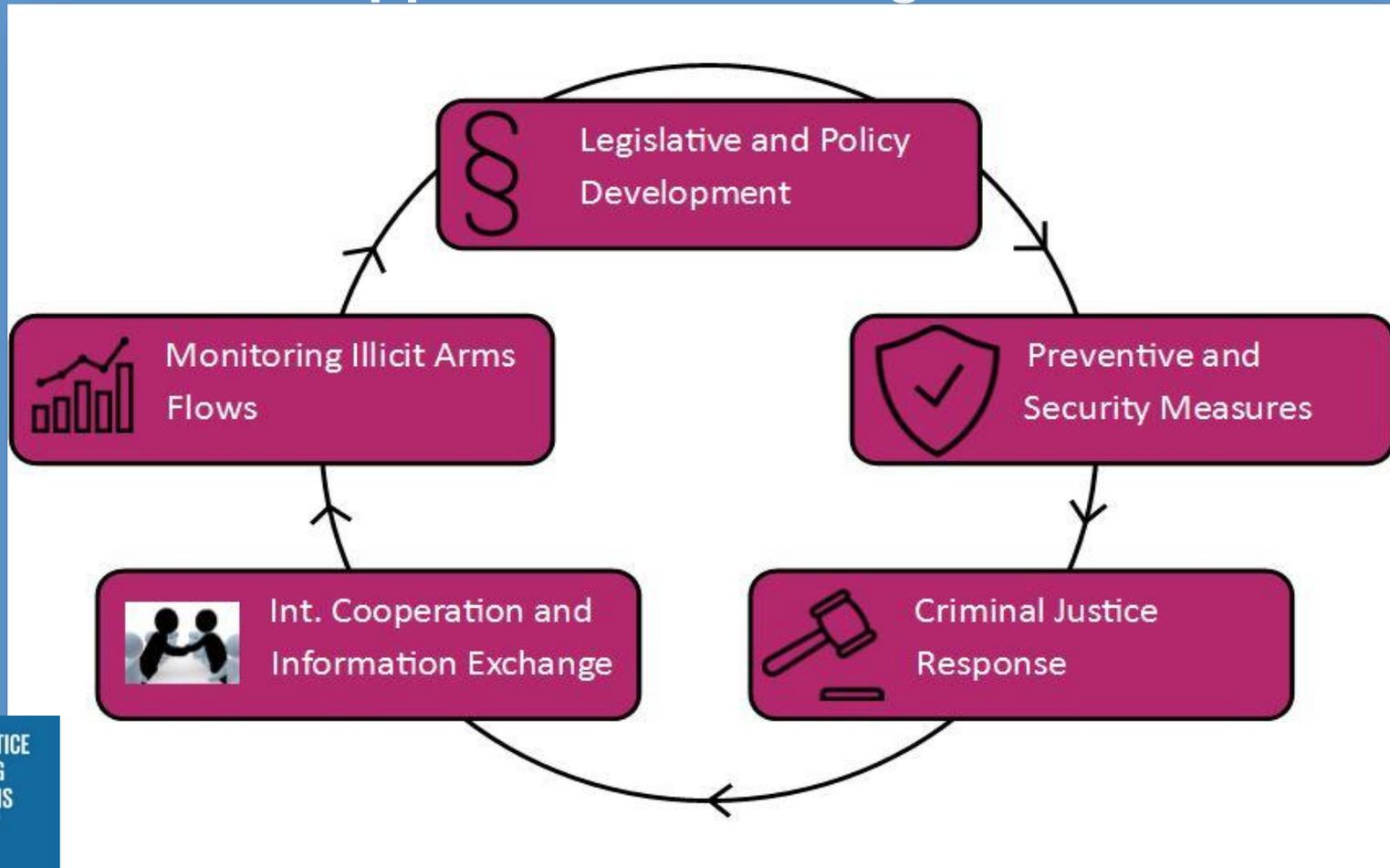


Objective: Countering illicit arms trafficking and related crimes, through implementation of UNTOC and the Firearms Protocol and effective international cooperation and information exchange.

Donors:



The UNODC Approach: Five Integrated Pillars



→ Contribution of all pillars to achieve and Monitor achievement towards SDG target 16.4

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Addressing Illicit Arms trafficking in the Context of organized Crime and Terrorism:

An **integrated approach** should address:

- Legislative measures and normative frameworks
- Preventive measures
- Law enforcement
- International cooperation and information exchange
- Data collection
- Develop resilience to armed violence and radicalization



UNODC's support for the implementation of the Western Balkans' Roadmap

- **The Roadmap contains measurable goals, target and indicators to assess the overall progress.**
- **The GFP will support the implementation of the criminal justice component of the Roadmap with focus on legislation, detection, investigation and successful prosecution of firearms trafficking cases.**



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

- Support for harmonization of the legislation of the Western Balkan countries with the United Nations' Firearms Protocol.
- Promotion of synergies with other related regional and international instruments, including the relevant EU Directives and Regulations, and the Arms Trade Treaty
- UNODC Pillar 1: Legislative and Policy Development Support



GOAL 2. By 2024, ensure that arms control policies and practices in the Western Balkans are evidence based and intelligence led.

- Support for strengthening the capacities of national institutions to collect, analyse and participate in international information exchange of data on seized firearms, their parts and ammunition (UNODC Firearms Questionnaire).
- Support for collection and analysis of criminal justice data on firearms crime.
- UNODC Pillar 5: Monitoring Illicit Arms Flows



GOAL 3. By 2024, significantly reduce illicit flows of firearms, ammunition and explosives (FAE) into, within and beyond the Western Balkans.

- Support for strengthening the criminal justice response to combat illicit manufacturing and trafficking of firearms, their parts and components, and ammunition, by providing capacity building and technical assistance to border police, customs, prosecutors and judges.
- UNODC Pillar 3: Support for Criminal Justice Response

GOAL 4. By 2024, significantly reduce the supply, demand and misuse of firearms through increased awareness, education, outreach and advocacy.

- Support for addressing the demand side through educational interventions at:
 - Primary
 - Secondary and
 - Tertiary levels.



GOAL 7. Significantly decrease the risk of proliferation and diversion of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

- Support for reducing the risk of diversion of firearms, their parts, components and ammunition through during the import/export process through improved pre-licence, post-licence, and post-shipment controls.
- UNODC Pillar 2: Preventing and Security Measures



UNODC's support for the implementation of the Western Balkans' Roadmap

- **Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe**

Objective: to serve as a strategic tool for UNODC's work in South Eastern Europe which will support the region in the implementation of relevant UN treaties and instruments, as well as complement EU requirements under chapters 23, 24 and 28 of the EU *acquis communautaire*, assisting the governments in meeting the EU accession requirements and fulfilling their obligations within the United Nations.

Regional Programme for South Eastern Europe

Three sub-programmes:

- Countering Illicit Drug Trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime
- Strengthening Criminal Justice, Integrity and Legal Cooperation
- Enhancing substance use prevention, drug use disorders treatment, and reintegration and care, including related infectious diseases, ensuring consistent development of gender responsive approaches

Thank you!

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