Project for Security Upgrade of Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina (SECUP BiH)

OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina promotes and assists efforts to improve the management of BiH’s stockpiles of military arms, munitions and explosives in line with international best practices and standards

Background

In December 2010, in accordance with both the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons and the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) requested the assistance of the OSCE Mission to BiH to improve the security and physical condition of the Armed Forces BiH storage sites.

In June 2011, an OSCE assessment team visited all the sites, and recommended that two SALW storage sites (“Teufik Buza” in Visoko and “Rabic” near Derventa) and two ammunition storage sites (“Kula 1” near Mrkonjic Grad and “Krupa” near Pazaric) should be refurbished with the support of the OSCE.

Consequently, the OSCE Mission to BiH has initiated a Project focused on upgrading security infrastructure at these four ammunition and weapons storage sites.

The Project will be implemented jointly by the OSCE Mission to BiH and BiH Ministry of Defence with EUFOR providing expert technical advice and monitoring of safety and security aspects of the project implementation.

Objective

To upgrade the security infrastructure at the BiH ammunition and weapons storage sites thus reducing the risk of weapons and ammunition proliferation and improving national Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) standards.

Budget

The project estimated budget amounts to 438,560 Euros.

The current pledges to the project were made by the Governments of Switzerland, Turkey, Denmark, Czech Republic and Liechtenstein.

Implementation Phases

The Project activities are divided into three main phases covering the period between 2013 and 2015.

Phase I: Partial replacement of exterior and interior fencing, installation of vehicle beam barriers, replacement of gates and the installation of consistent signs at all four ammunition and weapons storage sites.

Phase II: Installation of an intruder detection system and external lighting at the ammunition storage site “Krupa”.

Phase III: Installation of intruder detection systems at the weapons storage sites “Teufik Buza” and “Rabic” and at the ammunition storage site “Kula 1”.

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