The OSCE Mission to Skopje (OMSk) is implementing an Extra Budgetary Project on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), which aims to increase the security of existing stockpiles of small arms and ammunition, managed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA). The overall budget of the project is 1.086.960 EUR. Implementation period: 01 October 2017 - 30 September 2019.

Objectives

The overall objective is to assist the government in its efforts to implement the international commitments in the politico-military field and to contribute to the security and stability in the country.

The specific project objective is to increase the security of the existing stockpiles of small arms and ammunition, managed by the MoIA, thus reducing the risk of their proliferation.

Background

The OMSk in co-ordination with the MoIA, conducted a needs assessment field visit and determined several areas for improvement regarding border police armouries in 2016. As a result of the field visit the following needs were identified:

- Assisting the MoIA in establishing internal regulation on the topic.
- Upgrading stockpile security of the armouries of Border Police in mainly remote areas.

Activities

- Improving physical security and Information Communication Technology of the armouries of 15 Border Police Stations and one Regional Centre for Border Affairs.
- Developing of standard operating procedures (SOP) for SALW/Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition.
- Training of MoIA personnel on the application of the new security measures.