

Capacity development within MSAG

- SALW & Staff Assessment Visit Course
- Ammo & Staff Assessment Visit Course
- Special meetings of MSAG Member States on working level
- Maintain a Multinational Network of Senior Experts and Trainers on SALW & CA
- Cooperation with International and Non-Governmental Organizations and Partners



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Multinational Small Arms & Ammunition Group



MSAG is ...

- apolitical, informal, multinational
- a Platform for exchange of experiences and coordination in the field of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA)
- focused on international assistance using international best practices for Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) for Weapons and Ammunition Storage Sites
- a supporting tool in the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in SALW in all its aspects in the field of international cooperation and assistance

International Approach

Uncontrolled spread of SALW and the surplus and precarious stockpiles of CA and explosives pose a crucial problem to people, the environment and the international and/or regional stability. The United Nations, the OSCE and other regional organizations have addressed these problems in several initiatives.

The common aim of these efforts is to improve the current situation through international cooperation and assistance.

The focus is on promoting a standardized ISACS- and IATG-based management of national stockpiles as well as advising and supporting the reduction of SALW & CA surplus.

Products and Deliverables

- PSSM Awareness Raising
 - High Level National Conference
 - Executive and technical level
- PSSM Capacity Building, including advice and support of implementation
 - Theoretical and Practical Basic Ammunition Course
 - Advanced Ammunition Course
 - Dangerous Goods Transportation (ADR) Course
 - Physical Security Training
 - Train-the-Trainer Seminars
- Coordination of in-kind contribution
- MSAG-Handbook



Mission Statement

The Multinational Small Arms & Ammunition Group (MSAG) is to exchange best practices, build capacity on PSSM and promote knowledge transfer, with regard to SALW & CA, including the provision of advice and support in the field of disposal and destruction of SALW/CA, in order to reduce accidents and the number of SALW in circulation.

Assistance mechanism

- Need-based assistance request by recipient country
- Staff Assessment Visits (SAV)
 - Initial Assessment of the situation*
- PSSM Awareness Raising Conference or Course
 - Basic information/discussion about the issue*
- PSSM Capacity Building
 - Training on different levels with transfer of knowledge and advice/support of implementation*
- Evaluation / Reassessment

Regional Priorities

- South East Europe
- Eastern Europe/Wider Black Sea Region
- Central Asia
- South West/South East Asia
- North Africa/Sub-Saharan Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean

