

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**UN SaferGuard Validation Exercise**

In collaboration with Spanish Ministry of Defence's Verification Unit, AMAT and UNODA co-organised the first Hispanic UN SaferGuard Validation Exercise on 23–27 August in Madrid, Spain. The validation process evaluates candidates' relevant ammunition management knowledge and expertise against the IATG as well as assess candidates' suitability for the UN SaferGuard Roster of Experts. 9 Spanish-speaking experts were added to the Roster.

Assistance to states and partners**PERU**

In parallel to the validation exercise held in Madrid, AMAT convened a meeting between Spain and Peru military officials to discuss specific cooperation and assistance in conventional ammunition management. As a result of the meeting, the states agreed to further cooperation - Spain will provide technical assistance for the assessment of safety and security of Peru's ammunition stockpiles.

**MOLDOVA**

Responding to the assistance request from the Ministry of Defence of Moldova, AMAT conducted a workshop at the GICHD in Geneva on 5–9 July. The workshop was attended in-person by two officers responsible for ammunition management in Moldova and a training-facilitator from Austrian Ministry of Defence; and remotely by Moldova's Army Chief of Logistics Directorate, Acting Chief of Arms and Ammunition Management, and Swiss Department of Defence Verification Unit. The workshop collated information for a Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) study of Moldova and provided advice to the National Army Action Plan on PSSM 2020–2024. The workshop further served Moldova's plan for convening a technical meeting for experts and a high-level PSSM conference in Chisinau in 2022 to foster national ownership and cooperation between the National Army, relevant government departments and arms and ammunition management assistance providers.

**SERBIA**

The Serbian Mine Action Centre (SMAC) invited AMAT to Serbia to meet key stakeholders and explore potential areas for collaboration. The

team visited the SLOBODA manufacturing company in Čačak where two accidental explosions occurred in July 2021. AMAT presented our work to representatives from the Serbian MoD, MoI, Army, Mine Action Centre and three public Serbian ammunition manufacturing companies.

**US EUCOM**

The United States European Command (EUCOM) requested AMAT's technical assistance in support of ammunition management in Kosovo. AMAT participated in the EUCOM visit to Pristina on 2–5 August. The government of Kosovo and EUCOM co-organised a two-day workshop to raise awareness on the safe, secure and effective ammunition management, and to develop understanding of Kosovo Security Force's PSSM technical knowledge gaps, future plans and requirements. During the visit AMAT advised Kosovo to develop national standards based on the IATG and MOSAIC.

**MSAG Ammo & SAV Course**

The annual Multi-national Small Arms and Ammunition Group (MSAG) training course on Ammunition and Staff Assessment Visits was held in Thun, Switzerland on 20–24 September, hosted by the Swiss Department of Defence Verification Unit. AMAT Technical Advisor supported the course as an instructor while our Programme Officer attended it as a student.

**Seventh Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty**

AMAT participated and presented in the 7th Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT CSP7) held on 30 August–3 September in Geneva. Our Programme Manager presented at the high-level CSP7 opening panel on the GICHD's efforts to implement Action 22 of the UN Secretary General's Disarmament Agenda through the work of AMAT; the interconnectedness of Small Arms and Light Weapons and conventional ammunition; and how UN PoA and ATT reporting and their associated funding mechanisms, as well as national requests for technical assistance have been used as entry points for states begin address the challenges with conventional weapons and ammunition stockpiles.



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**2nd and 3rd EWG Meetings**

AMAT held the second and third technical meetings of the Expert Working Group (EWG) of the Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System (AAMVS) project. During the 2nd meeting (22 July) four consultants presented research commissioned by AMAT to support to the feasibility study. During the 3rd meeting (23 September) the EWG discussed the findings reached in the draft report of the feasibility study. Comments received during this meeting were incorporated into the final version of the report.

UN PoA BMS7 Side Event

On 27 July, AMAT organised a side event to the Seventh Biennial Meeting of States on the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects (PoA). The side event aimed to introduce the PoA community to the concept of the AAMVS and encourage participants to share their perspectives on the feasibility and desirability of such a system. AMAT presented the initial findings from Phase 1 of the project. This was followed by a panel discussion of arms control experts representing a diverse array of regions and areas of expertise.

Presentation to EU CONOP

AMAT travelled to Brussels and presented the findings of the feasibility study to EU CONOP (14 September). This was the in-person meeting of the group since February 2020. After the presentation three states (Austria, France, and Germany) made statements in support of the AAMVS project continuing.

Project Video

AMAT finalised and published a brief video about the project which can be found on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) and on the project's website: aamvs-amat.gichd.org.

Phase 1 Final Report

AMAT submitted the final report of phase 1 of the AAMVS to the EU. The report answers the core questions posed in the EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 and concludes that it is feasible to develop the AAMVS. It also provides guidance as to how the development process should be approached and offers a few options for its design.