

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



First Regional Symposium on Energetic Materials on Their Application

On 13 October, AMAT travelled to Sarajevo, BiH to take part in the First Regional Symposium on Energetic Materials on Their Application organised by the Center for Advanced Technologies. The purpose of the symposium was to familiarise attendees with the latest knowledge in the fields of energetic materials. AMAT presented on “Ammunition Stockpile Management; a Global Perspective” and attended a planning meeting in preparation for the Second international symposium.



Second Session of the Geneva Informal Dialogue

On 1 December, supported by AMAT and UNIDIR, five states – Brazil, Ghana, Jamaica, Singapore and Switzerland – co-convoked the second session of the Geneva Informal Dialogue: “International Cooperation and Assistance for Ammunition Through-life Management (TLM): Strengthening Means to Match Needs, Expertise and Resources”. Building upon the first session of the Dialogue, this session focused on the processes how international cooperation and assistance is requested, offered and received; and how needs, resources and expertise could be matched more effectively. The report from the meeting will be submitted to the UN OEWG on Conventional Ammunition as a working paper by the co-convening states.



Ammunition Inventory Management System

AMAT held an internal working group meeting in November to assess the feasibility of establishing a fit-for-purpose ammunition inventory management system (AIMS) and to map out the market for systems that already exist as part of the project implementation. As a follow-up, in

December, an external stakeholder group meeting was held to review AIMS user requirements. Experts from Bangladesh, Ghana, Moldova, Peru and Slovenia contributed within the stakeholder group, providing insights to needs and challenges in ammunition inventory management in their respective countries and regions. Based on these inputs, the project team will commence the development of the AIMS in 2023, in coordination with the donor (UK) and stakeholders.



Ammunition Management Activity Platform

During this last quarter of 2022, AMAT conducted the first round of updates to the Ammunition Management Activity Platform (A-MAP), based on the expert inputs from donors, authorities and implementers of ammunition management projects around the world. Keeping the database up-to-date is pivotal for this knowledge platform to facilitate effective and high-quality coordination among states, donors and implementers active in conventional ammunition management. The next round of updates will take place in Q2 2023. The A-MAP platform is available at: <https://a-map.gichd.org/>.



NATO Good Practice Handbook on SALW and Ammunition Life Cycle Management (LCM)

AMAT submitted the framing document to the NATO Building Integrity (BI) programme regarding above NATO Handbook under development. The project was approved to continue to its second phase commencing in 2023.



Standardised Assessment Method

At the request of U.S. European Command (EUCOM) HMA Program, AMAT provided training in the use of technical tools developed under the Swiss DDPS-funded

Standardised Assessment Method (SAM) project. Participants in the four-day training included armed forces personnel from the USA, Albania and Kosovo. The training was delivered in collaboration with the Golden West Humanitarian Foundation, focusing on the use of SAM tools to build a national capacity for carrying out assessments of ammunition storage areas and explosive store houses, in accordance with the IATG.



Standardised Training Materials (STM) for Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) in UN Peace Operations

In 2021, AMAT developed a course on Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM) in UN Peace Operations context as a part of the UNODA’s project developing Standardised Training Materials (STM) for WAM in its Peace Operations. In November, on invitation from UNMAS, AMAT supported the piloting of the course in Stans, Switzerland. The course was successfully completed by 12 participants from nine UN Troop Contributing Countries. As part of the pilot, the course contents were reviewed and will be accordingly finalised by AMAT.



8th regional coordination meeting on the implementation of the Western Balkans Roadmap

On invitation from the Southeastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), in Montenegro on 13-14 December AMAT attended the 8th regional meeting on the implementation of the Western Balkan Roadmap to prevent illegal

possession, misuse and trafficking of SALW and Ammunition by 2024. The Western Balkan states implement the 2018-2024 Roadmap are receive support from Belgrade-based SEESAC in project management, research and coordination. AMAT held bilateral meetings with national authorities, regional and international agencies to raise awareness of its response mechanism and services available to states on request to reduce safety and security risks from ammunition.

ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND PARTNERS



MOLDOVA

As a part of the ongoing assistance to the MoD of the Republic of Moldova and the National Army, AMAT travelled to Chisinau on 23-28 October to support the National Army Action Plan implementation on PSSM (2020-2024). The programme comprised a 4-day workshop with the Army officers responsible for ammunition management in the country. The technical parts of the workshop focused on two main activities: further developing the timelines and actions that enable the achievement of the desired outcomes in the National Army Action Plan; and reviewing and updating Moldova's 3 Region ammunition management concept. Another technical workshop will be scheduled in a due course, followed by Ammunition Management Policy Seminar for decision-makers of the MoD, Mol and other government departments, as well as a high-level conference for states, donors and implementers/assistance providers.



PERU

In November, AMAT conducted a series of safety and security assessments in central and southern Peru of the Ammunition Storage Areas (ASAs) of the Air Force (FAP), as per the IATG. These activities were requested by Ministry of Defence (MoD) and were conducted by a joint team comprising AMAT, officials from the MoD and FAP and Spanish Verification Unit (UVE). AMAT submitted a full report of the assessments and presented findings and key recommendations to the FAP, Navy and Army Joint Command and the Vice Minister of the MoD. The recommendations aim for the FAP, supported by the MoD and

AMAT, to achieve the levels of safety and security in and around ammunition storage areas that meet international standards as whilst fulfilling the operational needs of the country. Meanwhile, AMAT's consultant technical advisor for Latin America delivered another three IATG Introductory Courses for the officers of the Army, Air Force and National Police. In total, AMAT has trained more than 200 officers and technical personnel in Peru since 2021.



Arms & Ammunition Management Validation System

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Arms and Ammunition Validation System (AAMVS) Project

End of Phase II

During the last quarter of 2022, AMAT brought the Phase II of the project to a successful end in collaboration with members of the Expert Working Group (EWG) from the Phase I and the project partners. This involved a multitude of meetings to gather final inputs from the experts and potential users of the AAMVS, as well as to review the proposed Roadmap, the AAMVS System Options and the Self-Assessment Tool.

4th Expert Meeting 18-19 October
The objective of the expert meeting was to finalise the self-assessment tool, agree on the options for the AAMVS development, and the Roadmap for the next phase. The project team took effort to prepare the concept for its final validation workshop in Brussels on 8 November 2022. Over two days, the project team conducted a technical review of all the questions and answers in the self-assessment tool. Its review relied on the input gathered before and during the meeting from experts in weapons and ammunition management, international law, conformity assessments, arms control and capacity building.

Validation Workshop 8 November

The workshop was held on 8 November in Brussels, gathering 20 participants from 10 states and organisations including: Austria, France, Germany, the European Union's External Action Service (EEAS), the Bonn International Center for Conflict Studies (BICC), The Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Stockholm International Institute for Peace Research (SIPRI), SaferWorld, and the Small Arms Survey. The workshop presented the assessment tool and AAMVS framework options produced during the past project phase, including the feedback received on the concept to ensure it is well-aligned with key stakeholders' requirements.

Annual Meeting 30 November

In coordination with the EEAS, AMAT organised the second annual meeting online. The meeting brought together EU member states, EEAS representatives and the EU Commission, the Council's Working Party on Non-Proliferation (CONOP) and the Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM). Signifying the end of Phase II of the project, the meeting presented the main findings of the AAMVS project, the results of Phase II and plans for Phase III to above stakeholders.

Phase III

On 18 November, the EU Council approved the continuation of the project into its third phase for 3 years, via Council Decision [CFSP 2020/2275](#). The objective of the GICHD-AMAT project to this Council Decision is to support state and regional efforts to ensure the safe and secure management of SALW and ammunition, by improving the decision-making processes in export control and international cooperation and assistance. In 2023-2025, AMAT will develop the AAMVS from a concept to an operational system. In the process, AMAT will support regional processes and organisations aimed at reducing the risks from SALW and ammunition, whilst encouraging states to develop their own AAMVS.

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