

European Union – League of Arab States Project



The European Union – League of Arab States (EU-LAS) project assists the member states of the LAS in sustainably building their national capacities to combat the illicit trade in, and proliferation of, small arms and light weapons. In so doing, the project also supports LAS member states with their national implementation of the UN Small Arms Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

The current phase of the project aims to enable LAS member states to sustainably strengthen the effectiveness of their national small arms control and counter-proliferation frameworks, in line with international practices and standards, according to their priorities and needs. Our work aims to:

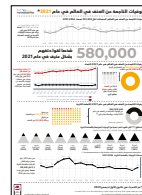
- Strengthen the capacities of customs and other border agencies to detect, interdict, and report on matters of illicit firearms trafficking in the LAS region;
- Strengthen the capacities of law enforcement agencies to effectively investigate and co-operate on matters of illicit firearm proliferation and trafficking in the LAS region; and
- Strengthen the capacities of security and military agencies to design and implement safe and secure stockpile management systems for small arms and light weapons and their ammunition in the LAS region.

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Together with our implementing partners, we will achieve these objectives through:

- Providing national in-depth training and other capacity-building support.
- Providing entry-level training sessions on small arms and light weapons, especially to countries that did not receive them during the first two phases of the project.
- Hosting online workshops on specific topics of high interest to LAS member states.
- Providing on-demand technical expertise to advise LAS member states on updating their national curricula for small arms and light weapons training.
- Translating key thematic resources into Arabic, including training material.
- Organizing one final regional event, in Cairo with the LAS Secretariat and the implementing partners.



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The EU funds the project and entrusts its implementation to INTERPOL, the Small Arms Survey, and the WCO, working in collaboration with the LAS Department of Arms Control and Disarmament.

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