Supporting Ukraine in addressing the risks of small arms and light weapons proliferation from the Russian war of aggression

Since February 2022, the war in Ukraine has continued unabated, with frequent reports of indiscriminate violence against civilians. When the war ends, Ukraine will not only need to rebuild its infrastructure and resettle millions of displaced people, but also confront the complex task of collecting and disposing of the vast quantities of arms and ammunition lost or abandoned by combatants and stockpiled by civilians throughout the conflict.

To help Ukraine and others in the region anticipate, address, and manage these challenges, the project seeks to fill critical gaps in knowledge, collaboration, and capacity.

Our work intends to:

- Improve access to evidence on the threats posed by illicit small arms and light weapons in and beyond Ukraine, supporting informed policymaking and public awareness.
- Foster inclusive exchanges between Ukrainian and international experts to strengthen knowledge, networks, and capacity on small arms and light weapons-related security issues.

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Undertaken in partnership with the Center for Security Studies (CENSS), and in close cooperation with other researchers and practitioners engaged in relevant fields in Ukraine, the project aims to contribute to peace and security in Ukraine and Europe by reducing the risks associated with the illicit flow of weapons and ammunition within and from Ukraine. This project is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

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