



EUP2P ATT OP III

EU PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND UNIVERSALISATION OF THE ATT

The German Federal Office of Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) and Expertise France (EF) have been mandated to implement the third phase of EU activities in support of the implementation and universalisation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

This third phase, described by Council Decision CFSP 2021/2309, builds on the second successful EU ATT outreach project implemented from 2018 to 2022.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this project are to promote the effective implementation of the ATT and to work towards the universal adoption of the treaty. In order to achieve these objectives, the EU project aims to:

- (a) build and/or develop capacity and expertise for the implementation of the ATT in the beneficiary countries through instruments such as legal assistance and training of licensing and enforcement officials;
- (b) engage in dialogue with other countries, including non-Parties to the ATT, in order to contribute to the universalisation of the ATT. Beneficiaries include some of the partner countries from previous implementation phases, as well as countries requesting assistance. Particular attention is given to dialogue with countries that are not currently party to the ATT. For those that have already benefited from previous assistance programmes and have made significant progress in implementing the ATT, the focus of cooperation changes from in-depth technical assistance to self-reliance and independence.

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT CONTENT

National activities and study visits

National activities will be offered to individual beneficiary countries on the basis of a specific assistance programme tailored to the particular needs of the beneficiary country concerned. The programme will be agreed with the beneficiary country prior to the assistance activities. Study visits may be foreseen, to give beneficiary countries the opportunity to have access to governments and officials of other countries applying the ATT.

Short-term targeted assistance

Part of the assistance requested by beneficiary countries is short-term assistance for specific problems or issues raised by beneficiary countries. This type of concrete, targeted and practical support, which can be offered on a remote and/or face-to-face basis, can be a useful and flexible tool to help beneficiary countries deal with particular issues outside of workshops and seminars.

Support for universalization

Under the universalisation objective, activities enhance the visibility of the treaty, raising awareness of the risks and threats associated with the diversion and trafficking of conventional arms, while promoting dialogue between States and non-state parties to help build confidence and transparency. These activities are carried out in close cooperation with relevant national authorities and, where appropriate, universities, NGOs and/or relevant regional organisations.

Expertise and training

The project seeks to expand the existing pool of experts and includes a "Train the Trainers" component to train experts from partner countries to ensure sustainability. Expert meetings are convened to shape a common vision of the challenges and develop common approaches. In addition to the expert meetings, cooperation meetings are organised for experts from the renewed pool. Finally, the online platform developed for the first time under the previous decision also plays an important role in strengthening the dialogue with experts and building a global community of experts.

International conferences

The international and regional conferences as well as the side events at the annual Conference of the States Parties to the ATT provide an opportunity for representatives of partner countries to exchange experiences and to work together towards the effective implementation of the provisions of the ATT.

THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

On 2 April 2013, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the Arms Trade Treaty. This landmark treaty is the first legally binding document designed to regulate the international trade in conventional arms.

The treaty was opened for signature on 3 June 2013 and entered into force after the 50th ratification on 24 December 2014.

PROJECT DURATION

February 2022 – January 2025

BUDGET

€ 3.5 million

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