



# EU Council Decision 2018/101/CFSP on the Promotion of Effective Arms Export Controls

EU export control outreach continues with a new phase under Council Decision 2018/101/CFSP on the promotion of effective arms export controls. For the 4<sup>th</sup> time consecutively, the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) has been entrusted by the EU with the implementation of the programme which is co-financed by the German Federal Foreign Office.

## Objectives

This programme aims to make a contribution to improving export controls of conventional arms among partner countries, to support partners' efforts, at the national and regional levels, and to mitigate the risk of arms diversion to unauthorised users. In addition, it seeks to promote adherence to, and implementation of, the Arms Trade Treaty and adherence to the Union's Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment.

## Activities

The Council Decision 2018/101/CFSP provides for a variety of activities to fulfil these objectives.

- **Regional and Interregional Workshops**  
Workshops organised in, and for, each of the different project regions aim to provide training in relevant areas of conventional arms export control and to promote regional cooperation. For the first time, interregional workshops will be organised to facilitate the information exchange on a regional level.
- **Study Visits**  
Study visits are intended to give officials of partner countries' authorities the opportunity to gain first-hand insight into the work of their EU counterparts. As a new element, study visits to selected partner countries are included in the programme too.
- **Individual Assistance to Beneficiary Countries**  
Upon request of partner countries, specific issues or needs can be tackled in tailor-made workshops.
- **Expert Meeting**  
The Expert Meeting offers a forum for dialogue between government officials from partner countries and experts in the field.
- **Assessment Events**  
Two Assessment Events will take place in Brussels in order to track and evaluate project progress.

<https://export-control.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Home/Arms-export-control>

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