

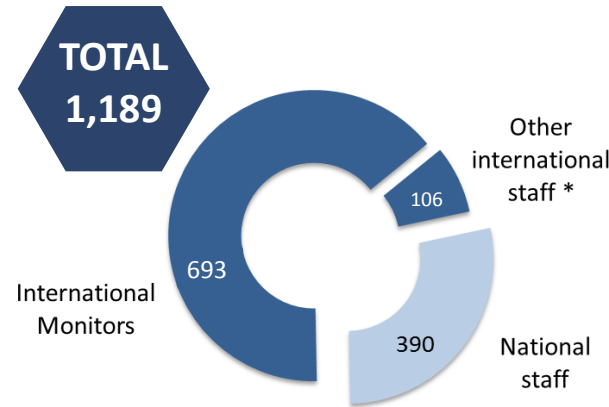


The OSCE SMM launching the long-range unmanned aerial vehicle near Kostiantynivka in Donetsk region, 28 March. Photo: OSCE/ Evgeniy Maloletka

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 19 March and 1 April 2018, the security situation in the east of Ukraine remained tense and continued to gradually deteriorate. Overall, the number of ceasefire violations in the two-week reporting period reached almost 10,000 (compared to 4,300 in the previous two weeks). This number includes more than 1,000 ceasefire violations recorded in the three days following a renewed commitment to the ceasefire that took effect at 00:01 (Kyiv time) on 30 March.
- The OSCE SMM's freedom of movement remained restricted due to the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance on both sides of the contact line, as well as due to the denial of access by the sides (mainly in areas not controlled by the Government). For instance, on 23 March, small arms were fired near an SMM patrol in Pikuzy and the SMM heard impacts assessed as ricochets of two bullets 5-10m north of its position. On 30 March, three SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) were fired at over non-government-controlled areas.
- On 28 March, the Mission re-introduced the use of long-range UAVs. With a range of over 160km, the SMM's long-range UAVs will operate over Donetsk and Luhansk regions equally on both sides of the contact line, including at night when ground patrolling is restricted due to security considerations.
- Violence in the east of Ukraine resulted in a number of civilian casualties. From the beginning of 2018 to 1 April the Mission corroborated 37 civilian casualties, including 8 killed.
- The Mission continued to facilitate access for workers to and from the Donetsk Filtration Station. The SMM also facilitated repairs to the Petrivske pumping station near Artema.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports)

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 4 April 2018



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Principal Deputy Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, etc.

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	21
Austria	11	Latvia	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	33	Norway	12
Canada	25	Poland	34
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	25
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	38
Estonia	2	Serbia	10
Finland	19	Slovakia	12
France	15	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	12	Sweden	10
Germany	24	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	22	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	UK	55
Italy	20	USA	61
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>693</b>
Male	576	Female	117

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine
- Almost 600 based in the east
- From 44 OSCE participating States

### What we do?

- Report the facts as we observe and establish them
- Gather information and report on the security situation
- Report on the humanitarian situation and people's needs, and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid of other organizations
- Help to establish dialogue and local ceasefires

### Important to understand:

- It is up to the sides to stop the fighting
- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts
- We do not deliver but facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid