



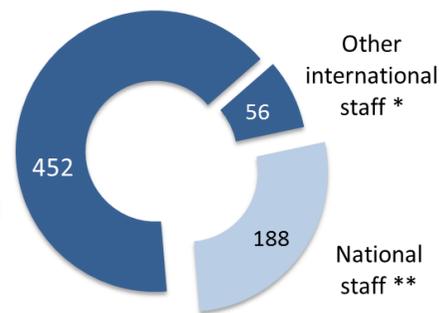
The SMM Deputy Chief Monitor led negotiations in Soledar with a focus on the SMM's access to Debaltseve, 17 February 2015.

LATEST NEWS

- OSCE Secretary General Zannier and SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan on 12 February met with the monitoring team based in Dnepropetrovsk and visited a Centre for displaced persons affected by the conflict .
- On 13 February, Zannier and Apakan in a joint statement in Kyiv said that the SMM is ready to monitor the ceasefire, and to engage all sides that are entrusted to upholding the implementation of the peace agreements.
- SMM Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug visited eastern Ukraine on 16-17 February, including the headquarters of the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC). Negotiations focused on monitor's access to Debaltseve. SMM visited Debaltseve on 21 February and facilitated access for humanitarian aid.
- The SMM is ready to monitor and verify the process of the withdrawal of heavy weaponry in eastern Ukraine. In order to verify the withdrawal – to testify that specific weapons really have been and remain withdrawn – the SMM needs to know what heavy weapons the sides have, where these weapons are now, and where they will be located after they have been withdrawn. The Chief Monitor sent a request for this information to the signatories of the Minsk agreements, but so far their responses have not been received.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm

MISSION MEMBERS

TOTAL
696



International Monitors

Other international staff *

National staff **

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

** National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

SMM'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE NEW MINSK PACKAGE

WHAT SMM WILL DO

- Monitor the general situation on the ground, the withdrawal of heavy weaponry and armed individuals.
- Establish the facts, report on a regular basis about the security situation and ceasefire violations.
- Facilitate a dialogue between all sides, and facilitate access when tasked to do so.

HOW

- Increase the number of monitors to up to 350 in eastern Ukraine.
- Deploy and use modern technologies (e.g. Unarmed Aerial Vehicles, UAVs).
- Adapt to the requirements of the Minsk agreements in line with our mandate, as given by the OSCE's 57 participating States.
- Draw on the support from OSCE participating States and partner organizations.

WHAT SMM REQUIRES

- Secure and unrestricted access to all areas in Ukraine, including border regions.
- Co-operation and productive dialogue with all sides involved.
- Co-operation with all international partners.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	3	Kyrgyzstan	7
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	14	Lithuania	2
Belarus	2	Moldova	11
Belgium	3	Montenegro	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	Netherlands	7
Bulgaria	10	Norway	9
Canada	17	Poland	16
Croatia	13	Portugal	5
Czech Republic	16	Romania	21
Denmark	14	Russian Federation	24
Estonia	6	Serbia	4
Finland	19	Slovakia	5
France	7	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4	Spain	10
Georgia	3	Sweden	15
Germany	14	Switzerland	12
Greece	8	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	21	Turkey	9
Ireland	8	UK	25
Italy	20	USA	49
		TOTAL	452
Male	369	Female	83