

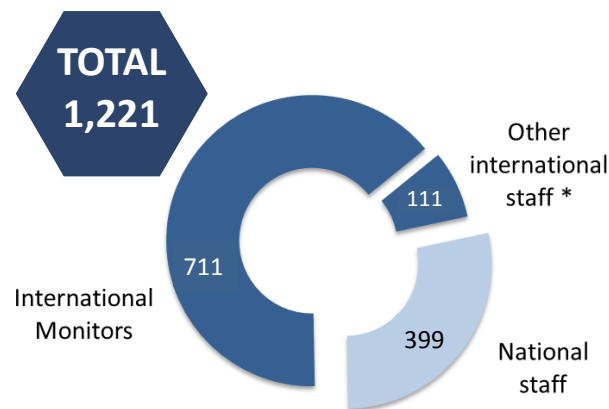


The SMM's freedom of movement remained restricted, including due to the presence of mines and unexploded ordnances. Photo: OSCE/ Martin Naughton

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 14 and 27 May 2018, the security situation in the east of Ukraine deteriorated: the OSCE SMM recorded almost 13,700 ceasefire violations along the contact line – a 20 per cent increase from the previous reporting period. The number of ceasefire violations between 14 and 20 May – 7,600 – was the highest recorded by the SMM this year.
- The SMM corroborated 28 civilian casualties due to armed violence along the contact line: eight killed and 20 injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the Mission this year to 107 civilian casualties, including 27 fatalities.
- The SMM's freedom of movement remained restricted due to the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance on both sides of the contact line. In addition to this, the Mission faced other restrictions (mostly denial of access): 28 times by members of the armed formations and five times by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Members of the armed formations in Luhansk region continued to deny the SMM access to areas near the border with the Russian Federation.
- The SMM continued to monitor the security situation and facilitate access for employees of the Voda Donbassa water company and others to and from the Donetsk Filtration Station (DFS) to keep the station operational. In the area of the DFS, the SMM observed ceasefire violations, despite explicit security guarantees given. On 15 May, SMM patrol members heard a bullet flying over their heads ([www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/381403](http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/381403)). In his letter to the signatories of the Minsk agreements sent on 15 May, OSCE SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan called for an immediate cessation of ceasefire violations in the wider area around the DFS ([www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/382048](http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/382048)).
- 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 27 May 2018



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

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Over 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

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	11	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	34	Norway	11
Canada	28	Poland	36
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	28
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	11
Finland	19	Slovakia	13
France	15	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	26	Spain	14
Georgia	14	Sweden	10
Germany	24	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	8	UK	58
Italy	19	USA	62
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>711</b>
Male	594	Female	117