

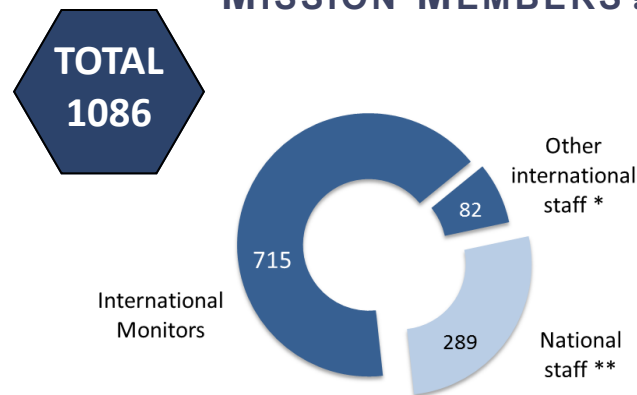


OSCE SMM monitors talking to a civilian in eastern Ukraine. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

LATEST NEWS

- More than 1,800 explosions were observed by the SMM across the Donetsk region in the last week with ceasefire violations concentrated around Donetsk airport, south-west of Donetsk city, north-east of Donetsk city (Horlivka, Zaitseve and Svitlodarsk), and north-east of Mariupol (Kominternove and Oktiabr).
- SMM monitors observed the use of restricted weapons across the line of contact, including multiple launch rocket systems, and noted their absence in storage sites and holding areas.
- The SMM's mandate was extended by one year to 31 March 2017 in a decision by the OSCE Permanent Council (see www.osce.org/cio/223236); the SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan welcomed the move, saying the Mission will continue to grow not only in numbers but also in technology and presence (read more: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/223406).
- From 15-17 February, the SMM Principal Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug travelled to eastern Ukraine to assess the security situation and encourage parties to de-escalate, read more: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/222901; www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/222611.
- The Mission continued to experience freedom-of-movement restrictions across Donbas, mostly in areas not controlled by the Government.
- The deteriorating general security and humanitarian situation in Donetsk region continues to put civilian lives at risk, and to cause damage to property and vital civilian infrastructure.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports

MISSION MEMBERS as of 24.02.2016



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

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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	14
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	15	Lithuania	4
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	21
Belarus	8	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26	Netherlands	10
Bulgaria	23	Norway	13
Canada	19	Poland	30
Croatia	12	Portugal	7
Czech Republic	18	Romania	44
Denmark	15	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	27	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	18	Spain	14
Georgia	6	Sweden	29
Germany	30	Switzerland	13
Greece	19	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	29	Turkey	13
Ireland	15	United Kingdom	38
Italy	25	United States	60
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	715
Male	599	Female	116

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- More than 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 560 of whom are based in the east;
- Staff come from more than 40 countries.

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.