



OSCE SMM monitor launching a mid-range UAV near Shchastia (Luhansk region).  
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## LATEST NEWS

- The SMM registered a 30% increase in the level of violence in the week of 4-10 September 2017, followed by a 10% decrease the next week. On average, 50% of ceasefire violations were recorded by SMM cameras during the period.
- OSCE SMM monitors contributed to the improvement of the humanitarian situation by facilitating and monitoring localized adherence to the ceasefire, co-ordinated by the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination in order to allow for repair and maintenance works. From 4 to 17 September, such “windows of silence” enabled repairs to the thermal power plant in Shchastia, the Petrivske pumping station in Artema, water wells near Stanytsia Luhanska, and water pipelines near Nyzhnie, Zolote and Popasna in Luhansk region. In Donetsk region, completion of repairs to the water pipeline between Horlivka and Toretsk doubled the flow of water to 30,000 cubic metres, according to a worker of the *Voda Donbassa* company. The Mission conducted at least 52 patrols on both sides of the contact line to support repairs and maintenance in this period.
- Following the start of the new school year, the Mission continued to monitor the situation at schools. From 4 to 17 September, SMM monitors visited some 60 schools on both sides of the contact line. The Mission noted that the number of enrolled students in some schools had increased compared with the previous year. The SMM note a lack of sufficient number of personnel, especially teachers, in a number of schools located close to the contact line.
- The Mission published two thematic reports: *Civilian Casualties in eastern Ukraine 2016* (<http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/342121>) and *Restrictions of SMM’s freedom of movement and other impediments to fulfilment of its mandate* (<http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/338136>), covering the first half of 2017.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>.

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 20 SEPTEMBER 2017



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

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

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	12	Latvia	3
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	22
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	30	Norway	17
Canada	12	Poland	32
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	13	Romania	25
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	35
Estonia	5	Serbia	8
Finland	16	Slovakia	10
France	11	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	10
Georgia	8	Sweden	11
Germany	22	Switzerland	9
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	24	Turkey	9
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	45
Italy	15	United States	59
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>610</b>
Male	523	Female	87

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 600 monitors across Ukraine;
- Almost 550 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.