

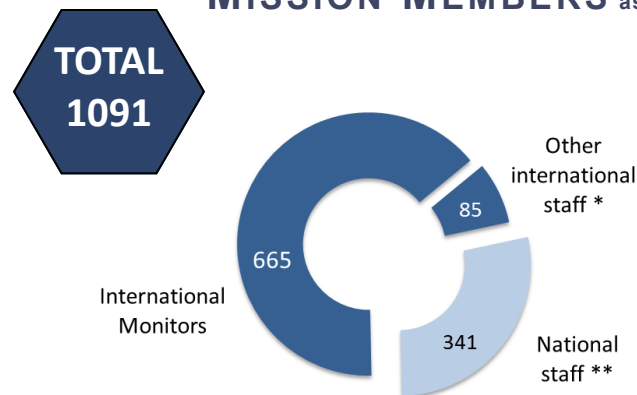


OSCE SMM monitors near the damaged bridge in Klischiivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Monika Olszewska)

## LATEST NEWS

- The Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) continued to observe steady number of ceasefire violations on a daily basis with some occasional lulls in fighting after recommitment to ceasefire and withdrawal of weapons agreed at meetings of the Trilateral Contact Group in Minsk on 29 March and 12 April. For example, on 8 April, the SMM recorded about 1,700 ceasefire violations, with only around 650 the following day, and on 10 April the number increased again to approximately 1,200 violations.
- The SMM noted risk factors underlying the violence, namely, the proximity of forces and hardware and the presence of proscribed weapons in the security zone. Of note, since 5 April the SMM has observed the presence of a concentration of weapons at an aerodrome in the south-eastern outskirts of so-called "LPR"-controlled Luhansk city, comprising seven multiple launch rocket systems (MLRS), 17 howitzers and seven tanks. In government-controlled areas it noted six MLRS near Dobropillia on 15 April and 18 MLRS in Lyman as well as 12 anti-tank guns near Sievierodonetsk on 17 April. See: [www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/312026](http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/312026).
- The Mission faced several security threats when explosions occurred close to the SMM patrols: on 8 April near government-controlled Odradivka in Donetsk region (see: [www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/310771](http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/310771)); on 12 April in two separate non-government-controlled areas and one government-controlled area in Luhansk region (see: [www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/311446](http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/311446)). An SMM unmanned aerial vehicle was targeted with small-arms fire near government-controlled Staryi Aidar in Luhansk region on 11 April (see: [www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/311111](http://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/311111)).
- The SMM facilitated and monitored local adherence to the ceasefire to enable repairs to essential infrastructure on both sides of the contact line: for example, pipelines near government-controlled Artema and so-called "LPR"-controlled Zolote-5 in Luhansk region; power lines near government-controlled Luhanske and non-government controlled Olenivka in Donetsk region.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: [osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 19 APRIL 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                               | 13  | Latvia             | 5          |
| Azerbaijan                            | 1   | Lithuania          | 2          |
| Belarus                               | 9   | Moldova            | 23         |
| Belgium                               | 4   | Montenegro         | 2          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                | 34  | Netherlands        | 2          |
| Bulgaria                              | 31  | Norway             | 20         |
| Canada                                | 12  | Poland             | 35         |
| Croatia                               | 10  | Portugal           | 3          |
| Czech Republic                        | 15  | Romania            | 29         |
| Denmark                               | 3   | Russian Federation | 38         |
| Estonia                               | 7   | Serbia             | 9          |
| Finland                               | 28  | Slovakia           | 10         |
| France                                | 12  | Slovenia           | 1          |
| former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 21  | Spain              | 11         |
| Georgia                               | 7   | Sweden             | 14         |
| Germany                               | 25  | Switzerland        | 10         |
| Greece                                | 20  | Tajikistan         | 6          |
| Hungary                               | 25  | Turkey             | 10         |
| Ireland                               | 10  | United Kingdom     | 48         |
| Italy                                 | 17  | United States      | 61         |
|                                       |     | <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>665</b> |
| Male                                  | 570 | Female             | 95         |

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 650 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.