

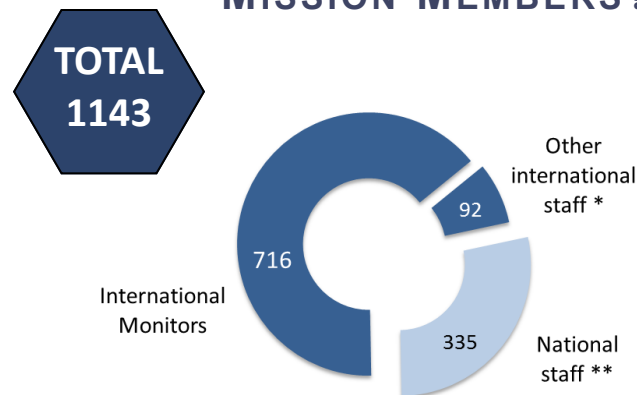


OSCE monitors at the Donetsk Water Filtration station (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## LATEST NEWS

- The SMM noted a deterioration of the security situation in eastern Ukraine over the two week period, recording a marked increase in the number of ceasefire violations.
- A spike in fighting around the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area on 24 February was noted and the situation continued to be volatile and tense also in other hotspots. In the week of 27 February to 5 March, the SMM monitored a significant increase in the number of ceasefire violations in the following areas: east and north-east of Mariupol; areas located between Popasna, Pervomaisk and Troitske; the western and northern outskirts of Horlivka.
- From 20 to 26 February, the SMM observed 86 weapons in violation of withdrawal lines. It has not observed any withdrawal of weapons from the security zone, despite repeated commitments in this regard by the sides, including in February. Unless the sides disengage and withdraw weapons, intense violence remains an ever-present danger. In the week from 27 February to 5 March the use of Minsk-proscribed weapons, namely mortars, tanks, and artillery, including MLRS, increased by 230 per cent as compared with the previous week.
- On 4 March the SMM facilitated local adherence to the ceasefire around the Donetsk Water Filtration Station, allowing for repair work and the resumption of water supply to residents in Avdiivka. The following day, however, the station was shelled, resulting yet again in a halt to operations.
- The SMM faced a series of security incidents in areas not controlled by the Government, some of which involved direct targeting of monitors and all of which impeded the Mission's ability to monitor and report in accordance with its mandate. See: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/302841](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/302841); [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/301821](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/301821).
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 9 MARCH 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	2	Kyrgyzstan	16
Austria	16	Latvia	5
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	9	Moldova	25
Belgium	5	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	34	Netherlands	5
Bulgaria	33	Norway	20
Canada	16	Poland	35
Croatia	11	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	17	Romania	35
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	8
Finland	25	Slovakia	10
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	21	Spain	12
Georgia	7	Sweden	19
Germany	27	Switzerland	11
Greece	22	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	27	Turkey	10
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	48
Italy	20	United States	64
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>716</b>
Male	612	Female	104

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- More than 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 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.