

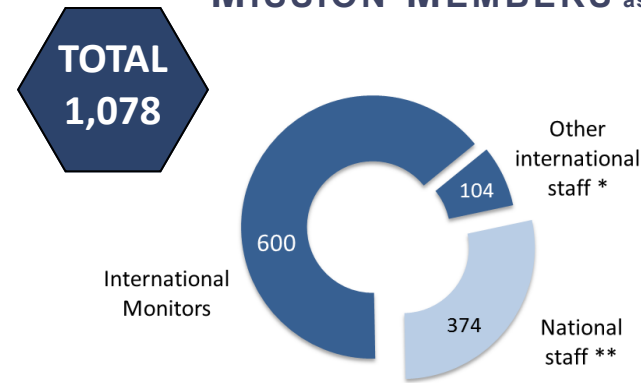


OSCE SMM monitor operating a mini-unmanned aerial vehicle near Debaltseve, Donetsk region.
Photo: Maria Alekseyevych/OSCE

LATEST NEWS

- The security situation in eastern Ukraine remains tense. From 18 September to 1 October the OSCE SMM registered a slight increase in the number of ceasefire violations. Violence was concentrated around three hotspots: 1) the areas south-west, south and south-east of Svitlodarsk, 2) the areas east and north-east of Mariupol, and 3) the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area.
- The SMM noted a reduction in the number of civilian casualties. During the reporting period, the SMM confirmed seven civilians injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties in 2017 to 394, including 69 fatalities.
- SMM monitors, in co-ordination with the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination, contributed to an improved humanitarian situation through the facilitation and monitoring of localized adherence to the ceasefire. From 18 September to 1 October, these “windows of silence” allowed for repair and maintenance work to the thermal power plant in Shchastia, water pipelines in Zolote, water wells near Krasnyi Lyman and Stanytsia Luhanska, power lines between Yuzhna Lomuvatka and Veselohorivka, the Petrivske water pumping station, power lines just east of Luhanske and water supply pipes between Marinka and Oleksandrivka. In total, the Mission conducted at least 44 patrols in support of such activities on both sides of the contact line.
- Two years ago, the OSCE SMM opened its first forward patrol bases in Volnovakha and Novoaidar, in eastern Ukraine. Read more: www.osce.org/stories/forward-patrol-bases-two-years-on-the-contact-line
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 4 OCTOBER 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	7	Moldova	22
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	33	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	29	Norway	16
Canada	12	Poland	32
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	13	Romania	24
Denmark	3	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	9
Germany	22	Switzerland	8
Greece	20	Tajikistan	6
Hungary	23	Turkey	9
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	44
Italy	15	United States	59
		TOTAL	600
Male	514	Female	86

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.