

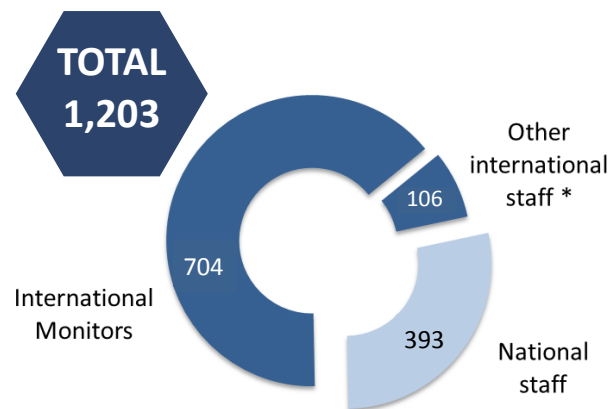


OSCE SMM on patrol near Yasynuvata, Donetsk region, 23 April. Photo: OSCE/Mat Whatley

FACTS MATTER

- Between 16 and 29 April 2018, the SMM recorded almost 8,300 ceasefire violations along the contact line in the east of Ukraine – a ten per cent decrease on the previous two-week reporting period. There was a notable upsurge in violence on 24 and 25 April, during which 30 per cent of the total number of recorded ceasefire violations occurred.
- The ongoing violence resulted in a number of civilian casualties, with six people killed and 17 injured. This brings the total number of civilian casualties confirmed by the SMM since the beginning of the year to 74, including 18 fatalities. [#ZeroCivilianCasualties](#)
- During the reporting period, the SMM's freedom of movement remained restricted due to the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance on both sides of the contact line, as well as due to restrictions, mostly denied access, by members of the armed formations (23 times) and by the Ukrainian Armed Forces (five times). In one incident on 28 April at a checkpoint near Horlivka, members of the armed formations threatened to detain patrol members (see www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/379075). Moreover, the sides continue to target SMM unmanned aerial vehicles, jamming them and directing small-arms fire at them.
- Since 18 April, the SMM has been facilitating and monitoring access for Voda Donbassa water company employees to and from the Donetsk Filtration Station after employees came under small-arms fire and were wounded on 17 April. The Donetsk Filtration Station is an important civilian infrastructure facility that supplies water to more than 300,000 people on both sides of the contact line.
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 2 May 2018



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	5	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	11	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	5	Moldova	29
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	42	Netherlands	4
Bulgaria	33	Norway	12
Canada	27	Poland	35
Croatia	10	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	28
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	2	Serbia	10
Finland	19	Slovakia	13
France	15	Slovenia	1
FYR of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	14	Sweden	10
Germany	24	Switzerland	7
Greece	22	Tajikistan	8
Hungary	23	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	UK	56
Italy	19	USA	61
		TOTAL	704
Male	588	Female	116

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Over 700 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