As of 24 July 2017

Report

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As of 6 May 2019

MISSION MEMBERS as of 6 MAY 2019

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Albania 6 Kyrgyzstan 23
Armenia 1 Latvia 8
Austria 10 Lithuania 1
Azerbaijan 1 Moldova 38
Belarus 7 Montenegro 3
Belgium 1 Netherlands 1
Bosnia and Herzegovina 47 North Macedonia 27
Bulgaria 42 Norway 13
Canada 27 Poland 34
Croatia 10 Portugal 2
Czech Republic 13 Romania 30
Denmark 10 Russian Federation 37
Estonia 2 Serbia 12
Finland 24 Slovakia 10
France 15 Slovenia 1
Georgia 22 Spain 12
Germany 36 Sweden 26
Greece 20 Switzerland 7
Hungary 21 Tajikistan 13
Ireland 9 Turkey 10
Italy 22 United Kingdom 56
Kazakhstan 4 United States 57
TOTAL 771

Male 612 Female 159

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National staff **

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Who we are

• Unarmed civilian monitors;
• Around 800 monitors across Ukraine;
• Around 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.

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