



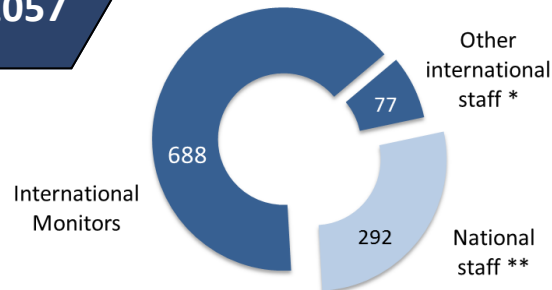
OSCE monitors preparing for patrol, 14 January 2016. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

LATEST NEWS

- The SMM continues to increase its presence both in terms of monitors on the ground and in a wider geographical scope. The OSCE SMM Principal Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug opened another three forward patrol bases in Krasnoarmiisk and Svitlodarsk in the Donetsk region, and in Stanytsia Luhanska in the Luhansk region.
- Multiple ceasefire violations were observed by the SMM in the Donetsk region, in particular in the Horlivka area, and from 20 January onwards, at and around Donetsk airport and in Debaltseve. Many of the incidents involved proscribed artillery and mortars, underlining that not all weapons of this type have been withdrawn from the contact line. The SMM noted ongoing tension in several places, in particular in the Pavlopil-Oktiabr-Kominternove triangle where the sides had re-positioned closer towards each other.
- Although the SMM noted numerous training-related ceasefire violations in Luhansk region, the situation there remained relatively calm.
- On 16 January an SMM patrol was exposed to small-arms fire while facilitating the restoration of a gas pipeline near government-controlled Marinka (23km south-west of Donetsk). Spot Report: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/216561
- Reacting to incident near Marinka, SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan demanded respect for the security and mandate of SMM monitors: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/216551
- On 28 January Ambassador Apakan will address the OSCE Permanent Council on the Mission's observations during the last three months.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports

MISSION MEMBERS as of 27.01.2016

TOTAL
1057



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

** National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	14
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	15	Lithuania	4
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	21
Belarus	8	Mongolia	1
Belgium	3	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26	Netherlands	10
Bulgaria	22	Norway	11
Canada	19	Poland	30
Croatia	12	Portugal	7
Czech Republic	18	Romania	35
Denmark	15	Russian Federation	35
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	26	Slovakia	8
France	14	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	19	Spain	12
Georgia	6	Sweden	25
Germany	30	Switzerland	12
Greece	18	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	28	Turkey	13
Ireland	15	United Kingdom	36
Italy	26	United States	59
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	688
Male	577	Female	111

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- More than 680 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 540 of whom are based in the east;
- Staff come from more than 40 countries.

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.