

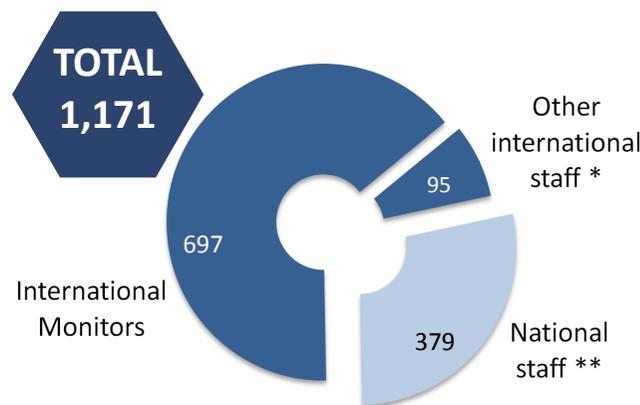


OSCE SMM on patrol near Debaltseve, 25 November 2017. Photo: Evgeniy Maloletka, OSCE

FACTS MATTER

- Between 27 November and 10 December, the security situation in eastern Ukraine further deteriorated. The SMM recorded close to 19,700 ceasefire violations in total – a 25% increase on the previous two weeks. The vast majority of recorded ceasefire violations were concentrated in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area; areas south-west, south, and south-east of Svitlodarsk; the Popasna-Pervomaisk area; areas east and north-east of Mariupol; and the western and northern outskirts of Horlivka.
- The SMM's freedom of movement remained restricted on both sides of the contact line, especially around Travnveve, where mines and unexploded ordnance prevented repeated attempts to enter the village, and close to the border areas with the Russian Federation around Siedove (southern Donetsk region), where patrols have been consistently denied access by armed members of the "DPR" since April 2017. The SMM faced impediments in the air as well, with one of its unmanned aerial vehicles being fired upon while in non-government-controlled Dovhe on 27 November.
- From 27 November to 10 December, the Mission monitored and facilitated 54 "windows of silence" – localized adherence to the ceasefire – which allow for inspection, repair, and maintenance work on 17 critical infrastructure facilities on both sides of the contact line. On 9 December, the SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to the ceasefire in order to carry out long overdue repairs to the wooden ramps at the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge, which will bring greater safety to thousands of people who pass through the nearby entry-exit checkpoint on a daily basis.
- As part of the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" campaign, the SMM organized a number of activities, including OSCE Cafés throughout Ukraine, focus group discussions, and presentations at educational institutions featuring a range of guest speakers and interlocutors aiming to jointly raise awareness of the impact of gender-based violence, particularly in the context of armed conflict situations.
- 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 13 DECEMBER 2017



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	3	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	22
Austria	12	Latvia	7
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	3
Belarus	7	Moldova	26
Belgium	2	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	30	Norway	16
Canada	21	Poland	37
Croatia	9	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	16	Romania	28
Denmark	4	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	5	Serbia	11
Finland	21	Slovakia	12
France	14	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	25	Spain	14
Georgia	11	Sweden	15
Germany	22	Switzerland	8
Greece	22	Tajikistan	7
Hungary	25	Turkey	8
Ireland	7	United Kingdom	53
Italy	20	United States	59
		TOTAL	697
Male	585	Female	112

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are?

- Unarmed civilian monitors
- Over 600 monitors across Ukraine
- Over 500 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