

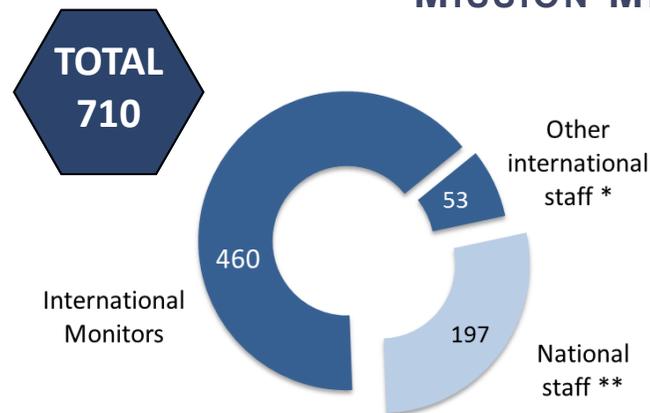


The SMM monitoring the movement of heavy weaponry in eastern Ukraine, February 2015.

## LATEST NEWS

- The SMM observed a general de-escalation starting from 15 February. Ceasefire violations have been recorded at: Bakhmutka, Debaltseve, Donetsk Airport, Pervomaisk, Shyrokyne, Trokhizbenka, Vrubivka.
- On 24 February the SMM Chief Monitor Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan and Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug participated in a meeting in Paris of the Foreign Ministers of the Normandy format.
- On 26 February Hug took part in a symposium “After Flight MH17: Reparation & Repercussion” in Utrecht. On 27 February Hug participated in a roundtable discussion in Berlin on “Weapons, Sanctions or Diplomacy - Ways to De-escalate the Conflict in Eastern Ukraine”.
- On 27 February Ambassador Apakan addressed the UN Security Council on the situation in Ukraine.
- On 6 March Ambassador Apakan took part in the first meeting of “the oversight mechanism” in the Normandy format, which was envisaged as part of the Minsk Package of Measures of 12 February.
- On 9 March the SMM facilitated the demining of the village of Kominternove by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. More details in the SMM Spot Report: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/144146](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/144146)
- On 10 March, the European Union donated to the SMM 20 armoured vehicles which will be deployed in eastern Ukraine in the coming days.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm)

## MISSION MEMBERS



\* 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                               | 3          | Kyrgyzstan         | 7          |
| Armenia                               | 2          | Latvia             | 6          |
| Austria                               | 15         | Lithuania          | 2          |
| Belarus                               | 2          | Moldova            | 13         |
| Belgium                               | 2          | Montenegro         | 1          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                | 8          | Netherlands        | 7          |
| Bulgaria                              | 10         | Norway             | 10         |
| Canada                                | 17         | Poland             | 17         |
| Croatia                               | 12         | Portugal           | 5          |
| Czech Republic                        | 16         | Romania            | 21         |
| Denmark                               | 14         | Russian Federation | 26         |
| Estonia                               | 6          | Serbia             | 4          |
| Finland                               | 19         | Slovakia           | 5          |
| France                                | 7          | Slovenia           | 1          |
| former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 4          | Spain              | 10         |
| Georgia                               | 3          | Sweden             | 15         |
| Germany                               | 18         | Switzerland        | 11         |
| Greece                                | 8          | Tajikistan         | 1          |
| Hungary                               | 21         | Turkey             | 11         |
| Ireland                               | 8          | UK                 | 23         |
| Italy                                 | 20         | USA                | 49         |
|                                       |            | <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>460</b> |
| <b>Male</b>                           | <b>377</b> | <b>Female</b>      | <b>83</b>  |

## MONITORING OF WITHDRAWAL OF HEAVY WEAPONRY IN EASTERN UKRAINE

- The SMM is monitoring the movement of heavy weapons from the contact line to the respective withdrawal lines.
- We see now mutual actions towards compliance with the Minsk agreements. Although we follow and monitor the withdrawal of heavy weapons, we are not yet in a position to provide verification of withdrawals.
- For the SMM to confirm the weapons withdrawal we need to have baseline information: where the weapons are based at the moment, along what routes they will be withdrawn, and the sites where the heavy weapons will be concentrated/ stored.
- In order to verify that the withdrawal areas are free of heavy weapons, the SMM requires full and unfettered access.