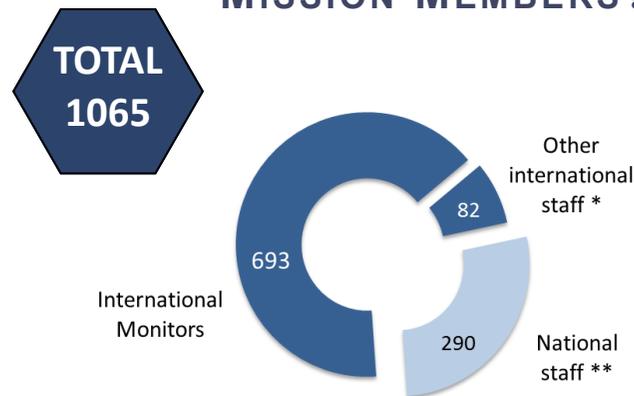




OSCE SMM monitors patrolling in Luhansk region, March 2016. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

MISSION MEMBERS as of 06.04.2016



* 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	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	2	Kyrgyzstan	13
Austria	13	Latvia	6
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	22
Belgium	5	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29	Netherlands	9
Bulgaria	24	Norway	14
Canada	19	Poland	30
Croatia	11	Portugal	4
Czech Republic	16	Romania	45
Denmark	13	Russian Federation	38
Estonia	6	Serbia	9
Finland	24	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	13
Georgia	6	Sweden	24
Germany	31	Switzerland	12
Greece	19	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	27	Turkey	12
Ireland	13	United Kingdom	40
Italy	22	United States	58
		TOTAL	693
Male	581	Female	112

LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine observed increased violence, in particular in the Donetsk region. More than half of all ceasefire violations registered in Donetsk region were recorded in the Yasynuvata-Avdiivka area. Significant fighting was also observed in Svitlodarsk, areas north-west of Donetsk city and at Donetsk airport. The SMM also noted a rise in ceasefire violations in southern Donetsk region.
- The situation in Luhansk region remained relatively calm with the exception of a spike in violence on 31 March–1 April in the areas of Pervomaisk and Stakhanov.
- The SMM continued to note the presence and use of proscribed weapons within the security zone.
- The presence of unexploded ordnance and mines remains a problem. The deadline agreed in Minsk for completing the marking, fencing off and mapping of areas close to entry-exit civilian checkpoints along the contact line expired on 31 March. So far the SMM has seen no systematic efforts by the sides to complete these actions.
- On 31 March, the SMM monitored the situation affecting stranded civilians at checkpoints in Zolote. Ukrainian Armed Forces had earlier announced the opening of a new checkpoint enabling civilians to cross the contact line but armed "LPR" members, citing security concerns, denied them passage. This left over 300 civilians stranded on the road between the two checkpoints. The SMM liaised with Ukrainian authorities to transport the civilians, many of them elderly, back to government-controlled areas.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 570 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.