



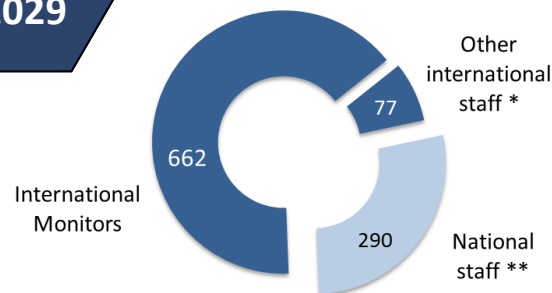
The SMM monitors conducting a foot patrol, December 2015. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## LATEST NEWS

- The security situation has been volatile with areas at and around Donetsk airport sometimes registering no ceasefire violations for several days, while Horlivka has seen a marked increase in violence, including the use of mortars and Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS). The Pavlopil-Okhtabr-Kominternove triangle, where previously the sides had been repositioning and deploying, now also shows signs of escalation. Luhansk region remains relatively calm.
- The Principal Deputy Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) Alexander Hug will travel to eastern Ukraine from 14 to 18 January 2016 to assess the security situation and open new Forward Patrol Bases. More at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/215241](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/215241)
- On 7 January in Horlivka, armed "DPR" members temporarily held SMM monitors and forced them to the ground at gunpoint. Full report at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/215196](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/215196)
- SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan on 31 December expressed hope that 2016 will see pivotal developments in de-escalating the violence and concrete steps towards a comprehensive solution to the conflict. More at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/214056](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/214056)
- Small-arms fire impacted near a SMM patrol in the vicinity of Kominternove on 27 December. The SMM members escaped unharmed. See the spot report at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/212736](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/212736)
- The SMM issued a new Thematic Report on Access to Justice and the Conflict in Ukraine, highlighting the challenges faced by people residing in both government and non-government-controlled areas in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. Read the report at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/212311](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/212311)
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports)

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 13.01.2016

**TOTAL**  
1029



\* 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	13
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	15	Lithuania	4
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	21
Belarus	6	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26	Netherlands	10
Bulgaria	22	Norway	10
Canada	18	Poland	29
Croatia	12	Portugal	7
Czech Republic	18	Romania	32
Denmark	15	Russian Federation	35
Estonia	7	Serbia	8
Finland	26	Slovakia	7
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17	Spain	12
Georgia	5	Sweden	25
Germany	27	Switzerland	12
Greece	19	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	27	Turkey	14
Ireland	15	United Kingdom	32
Italy	26	United States	55
Kazakhstan	4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>662</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>108</b>

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- More than 650 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 500 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.