



The SMM conducting a foot patrol in Debaltseve, 10 December 2015. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (OSCE SMM) opened Forward Patrol Bases in Horlivka and Debaltseve, allowing monitors to increase their operational scope in areas not controlled by the Government. Learn more: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/208116](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/208116); [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/208471](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/208471).
- The OSCE SMM Principal Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug on 6-10 December 2015 visited Donetsk, Horlivka, Debaltseve, Pavlopil, Avdiivka and other locations in eastern Ukraine, where he met the SMM teams, representatives of the Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination, and other interlocutors.
- Hug also went to the remains of Donetsk airport to inspect two sites — “DPR”-held Oktyabrsky Mine and government-controlled Avdiivka — that could serve as observation posts and also host stationary cameras for the SMM. See [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/208026](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/208026)
- The SMM observed that fighting continues in many areas of Donbas. The epicentre remains areas at and around Donetsk airport. On 8 December, SMM monitors recorded 92 explosions at the site.
- The SMM continued to observe weapons and military movements in the security zone or close to it. The SMM also observed heavy weapons inside agreed withdrawal lines.
- The OSCE SMM launched Youth Contact Groups in Lviv, Kharkiv and Kramatorsk. Read more at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/205601](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/205601)
- Latest news, reports and stories relating to OSCE responses to the conflict in and around Ukraine can be found on our new web portal: [www.osce.org/ukrainecrisis](http://www.osce.org/ukrainecrisis)
- 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 16.12.2015



\* 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	11
Bulgaria	22	Norway	12
Canada	18	Poland	30
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	33
Italy	27	United States	56
Kazakhstan	4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>669</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>111</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 see and hear 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’s 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.