



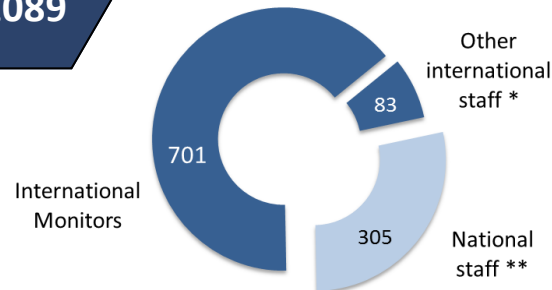
OSCE SMM monitors at the Oktiabr mine, Donetsk region, May 2016. (OSCE/Cliff Volpe)

LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM) continued to observe violence in many parts of Donbas. Reflecting a high degree of volatility and unpredictability, the SMM on some days recorded fewer than ten explosions whilst on others, over 100.
- The Yasynuvata-Avdiivka area north of Donetsk city and areas south-east of Svitlodarsk remained hotspots, with areas around Donetsk airport again becoming more tense.
- Luhansk region remained relatively calm, with sporadic violence in the region's west and occasional intense fighting immediately south of Stanytsia Luhanska.
- Weapons continued to be observed in the security zone. Significant numbers of weapons were still missing from holding areas and permanent storage sites.
- On 20 May in violation of the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements, armed "DPR" members cut the power supply to an SMM repeater device in Donetsk city, thereby incapacitating SMM remote monitoring equipment at "DPR"-controlled Oktiabr mine and in government-controlled Avdiivka.
- On 24-30 May the OSCE SMM Principal Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug is visiting eastern Ukraine to assess the security situation and encourage all concerned to work towards peace and normalization of the situation in Ukraine.
- On 25 May the SMM opened a new Forward Patrol Base in Shchastia, Luhansk region, which is the Mission's ninth such base in Donbas. Read more at: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/242621
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 25.05.2016

TOTAL
1089



* 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	12
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	15	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Luxemburg	1
Belarus	8	Moldova	22
Belgium	5	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	Netherlands	9
Bulgaria	26	Norway	14
Canada	18	Poland	30
Croatia	11	Portugal	5
Czech Republic	16	Romania	42
Denmark	13	Russian Federation	40
Estonia	6	Serbia	9
Finland	24	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	19	Spain	13
Georgia	6	Sweden	24
Germany	32	Switzerland	13
Greece	18	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	26	Turkey	12
Ireland	12	United Kingdom	43
Italy	24	United States	59
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	701
Male	588	Female	113

SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 580 of whom are based in the east;
- Staff come from more than 45 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.