



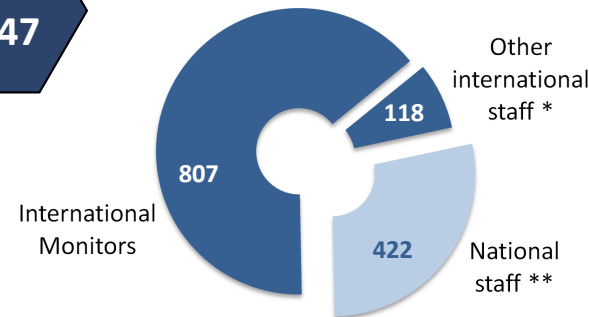
Civilians passing through the entry-exit checkpoint near Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region  
(Photo credit: OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 25 February and 10 March, the SMM recorded almost 15,700 ceasefire violations (compared with over 23,000 in the previous two-week period). The Mission also observed 90 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (62 in areas not controlled by the Government).
- On 8 March, coinciding with International Women's Day, a recommitment to the ceasefire made by the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) came into effect. The SMM Chief Monitor and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the TCG welcomed the recommitment (<https://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/413648>).
- The daily number of ceasefire violations decreased following the recommitment, by around 60 per cent on the first day compared with the previous seven-day daily average.
- The Mission confirmed that five civilians were injured during the reporting period. This brings the total number of civilian casualties since the beginning of the year to 14: two killed and 12 injured.
- Half of the civilian casualties confirmed this year, including the two fatalities, were a result of mines or unexploded ordnance. Despite the obligation to remove all previously laid mines contained in the Minsk Memorandum and the TCG's Decision on Mine Action, the Mission continued to observe the presence of mines, including newly-laid ones.
- The position of weapons in and the firing from and into residential areas continues to endanger civilians. One man was injured in shelling in Donetsk, where the SMM also noted the presence of armoured combat vehicles and mortars. In Zolote, the SMM observed fresh damage to three inhabited houses caused by shelling. Three infantry fighting vehicles were parked 10 metres from the houses. Two days later, SMM monitors and water company repair workers on the edge of the village were forced to leave the area following small-arms fire nearby.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: <https://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>.

**TOTAL**  
1,347

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 11 MARCH 2019



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, etc.

\*\* National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	6	Kyrgyzstan	23
Armenia	1	Latvia	8
Austria	11	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	39
Belarus	8	Montenegro	3
Belgium	1	Netherlands	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Norway	14
Bulgaria	42	Poland	38
Canada	28	Portugal	2
Croatia	10	Republic of North Macedonia	28
Czech Republic	14	Romania	31
Denmark	13	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	24	Slovakia	11
France	17	Slovenia	1
Georgia	23	Spain	12
Germany	36	Sweden	27
Greece	23	Switzerland	7
Hungary	22	Tajikistan	13
Ireland	9	Turkey	10
Italy	24	United Kingdom	58
Kazakhstan	4	United States	61
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>807</b>
Male	642	Female	165

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 800 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 44 OSCE participating States.

### 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.