



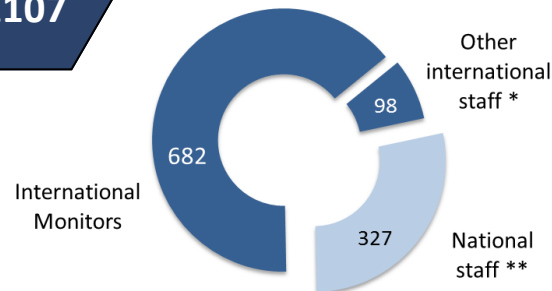
Ertugrul Apakan (l), Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM receiving the white ribbon award, Vienna, 1 December 2016. (OSCE/Micky Kroell)

## LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE SMM continued to monitor the security situation, registering a high number of ceasefire violations along the contact line in eastern Ukraine. Violations include the use of weapons proscribed by the Minsk agreements, namely mortars, artillery, tanks and multiple launch rocket systems.
- The violence was concentrated around well-known hotspots, particularly in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport area and in areas east and north-east of Mariupol. The situation in Luhansk region was relatively calm with limited violence in and around Stanytsia Luhanska, and in areas in the west of the region.
- The humanitarian situation of the civilian population remains dire, with water and electricity shortages particularly evident in areas of Luhansk region not controlled by the Government. This is the result of the failure to resolve utility bill payment issues.
- With the sides continuing to position and use hardware in and around residential areas, civilians invariably bear the brunt of continued shelling and other ceasefire violations. As well as causing civilian casualties and damaging homes and schools, critical civilian infrastructure has been badly affected, resulting in further disruptions to utility supplies.
- On 28 November Germany donated GPS devices and gloves to the OSCE SMM. Read more: <https://goo.gl/V6NF9d>
- Ertugrul Apakan, Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM, received a commemorative white ribbon from OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier, honouring his work in promoting gender equality. See: [www.osce.org/secretariat/285576](http://www.osce.org/secretariat/285576).
- On 1 December Amb. Apakan updated the OSCE Permanent Council on the situation in Ukraine and the SMM's activities. Details at: [www.osce.org/cio/285771](http://www.osce.org/cio/285771)
- SMM daily reports are available in three languages (English, Russian and Ukrainian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 7 DECEMBER 2016

**TOTAL**  
**1107**



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

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

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	2	Kyrgyzstan	15
Austria	16	Latvia	6
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	23
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	28	Norway	16
Canada	16	Poland	32
Croatia	11	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	15	Romania	34
Denmark	12	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	23	Slovakia	9
France	13	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	12
Georgia	7	Sweden	18
Germany	30	Switzerland	11
Greece	19	Tajikistan	3
Hungary	26	Turkey	10
Ireland	10	United Kingdom	41
Italy	21	United States	67
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>682</b>
Male	576	Female	106

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Almost 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 44 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.