

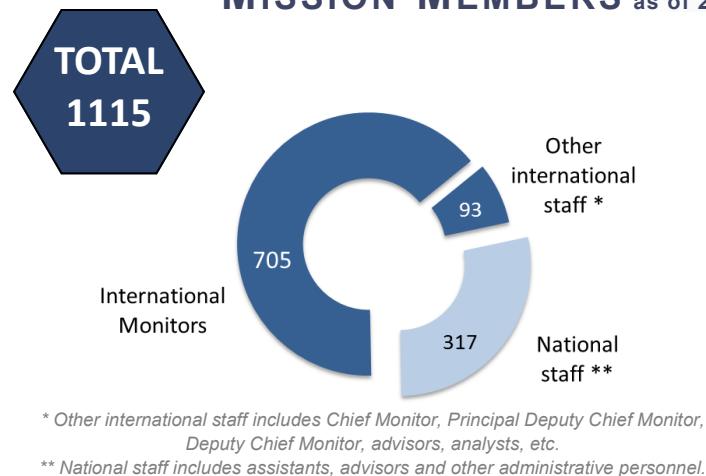


OSCE SMM monitors patrolling Zolote-Pervomaisk area, Luhansk region, 26 September 2016. (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## LATEST NEWS

- The OSCE SMM welcomed the decision of the Trilateral Contact Group on disengagement of forces and hardware in three areas, namely Zolote, Stanytsia Luhanska and Petrivske. In line with its mandate the SMM will monitor disengagement in these areas; however, without access to the disengagement areas the SMM cannot verify adherence to the agreement.
- Spot reports issued in this period noted an explosion 100m from the SMM near Stanytsia Luhanska bridge ([www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/264271](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/264271)) and small-arms fire near an SMM mini unmanned aerial vehicle near Bohorodychne ([www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/267526](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/267526)).
- The OSCE SMM continued to monitor the ceasefire, noting the sides' renewed commitment to adhere to the ceasefire on the occasion of the start of the new school year on 1 September. Since then, the SMM noted a decrease in the level of violence, with occasional flare-ups, all of which result in a highly volatile situation. The Donetsk airport-Yasynuvata-Avdiivka triangle remained the epicentre of violence. The situation was generally calm in the Luhansk region.
- Risk factors remained: weapons in violation of withdrawal lines; mines, unexploded ordnance and explosive remnants of war present; armed forces and formations positioned dangerously close to one another.
- Freedom of movement of SMM monitors continued to be restricted, particularly in areas not controlled by the Government.
- 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 28 SEPTEMBER 2016



## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	15
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	15	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Luxembourg	1
Belarus	7	Moldova	24
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	32	Netherlands	6
Bulgaria	28	Norway	13
Canada	16	Poland	31
Croatia	11	Portugal	5
Czech Republic	16	Romania	38
Denmark	15	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	21	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	20	Spain	14
Georgia	8	Sweden	20
Germany	33	Switzerland	12
Greece	19	Tajikistan	3
Hungary	26	Turkey	12
Ireland	11	United Kingdom	45
Italy	21	United States	65
Kazakhstan	4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>113</b>

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 45 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.