



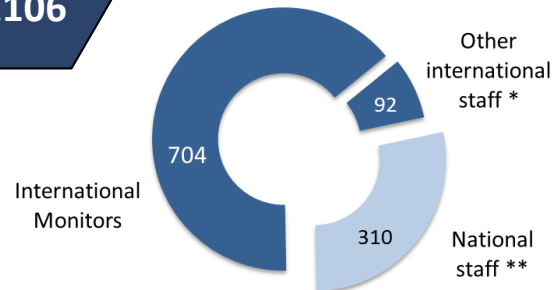
OSCE SMM Chief Monitor with other SMM monitors at the entry-exit crossing point in Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region, 29 August 2016. (OSCE)

## LATEST NEWS

- Starting from 15 August, the SMM observed an increase in the level of violence, in particular in the Avdiivka-Yasynuvata-Donetsk airport triangle and around Stanytsia Luhanska.
- The level of violence remains high in other hotspots of Donetsk region: the western and northern outskirts of Horlivka, areas around Shyrokyne and Pikuzy (formerly Kominternove), along the Svitlodarsk-Debaltseve road, as well as around Shchastia, Lobacheve and in western parts of Luhansk region.
- The OSCE SMM Chief Monitor, Ertugrul Apakan, welcomed the decision by the Trilateral Contact Group (TCG) to renew commitment to adherence to the ceasefire at the start of the new school year and urged the sides to establish a full and comprehensive ceasefire. Read more at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261861](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261861)
- While visiting Donetsk and Luhansk regions, Ambassador Apakan called upon the sides to ease people's suffering in eastern Ukraine. Read more at: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261801](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261801)
- The SMM continued to observe numerous weapons missing from storage sites as well as the presence of weapons in violation of withdrawal lines, often in and around residential areas. Consequently, civilians and civilian infrastructure – including homes and utilities – are inadvertently caught in the crossfire.
- SMM monitors continue to be confronted by freedom-of-movement restrictions, particularly in areas not controlled by the Government. On 20 August the SMM came under small-arms fire in Novooleksandrivka ([www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/260541](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/260541)). This incident was followed on 22 August by the SMM being held at gunpoint at a checkpoint in Lukove ([www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/260706](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/260706)). Read the thematic report on Restrictions to SMM's freedom of movement and other impediments to fulfilment of its mandate from January to June 2016 here: <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261066>
- The SMM issued a thematic report on Conflict-related Displacement in Ukraine: Increased Vulnerabilities of Affected Populations and Triggers of Tension within Communities. See [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261191](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/261191)
- 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 31 AUGUST 2016

**TOTAL**  
**1106**



\* 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	Kyrgyzstan	14
Armenia	2	Latvia	6
Austria	16	Lithuania	2
Azerbaijan	1	Luxembourg	1
Belarus	7	Moldova	22
Belgium	4	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	Netherlands	9
Bulgaria	27	Norway	12
Canada	16	Poland	32
Croatia	11	Portugal	5
Czech Republic	16	Romania	40
Denmark	13	Russian Federation	39
Estonia	7	Serbia	9
Finland	22	Slovakia	8
France	16	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	19	Spain	13
Georgia	8	Sweden	21
Germany	32	Switzerland	13
Greece	19	Tajikistan	3
Hungary	26	Turkey	12
Ireland	11	United Kingdom	43
Italy	23	United States	66
Kazakhstan	4	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>704</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>114</b>

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Over 700 monitors across Ukraine;
- Over 580 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.