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BBC Russian Service

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Official position/function in relation to the conflict

[The BBC Russian Service](#) is part of an international state-owned media holding (in its case, British Broadcasting Corporation) headquartered in the UK. The outlet has a wide reporter network in Russia and other countries of the former USSR.

The Russian service is one of the oldest services of BBC, it began to air during World War II. In Soviet times, it occupied an honorable place among the “enemy voices,” its broadcasts were jammed. In the perestroika and post-perestroika times, it retained its position as a balanced, objective radio, covering problems and events ignored by the federal media.

BBC is closely following the development of events in the Donbas. The position in relation to the

region of the conflict is objective and balanced. Like other independent media, BBC primarily advocates for freedom of speech and freedom of access to information, therefore, the priority for BBC is to provide information to the public in detail, provide different points of view and verify the information.

Actions regarding the conflict region

BBC Russian Service provides detailed information on the events in the conflict region. Its journalists publish investigations. Basically, its investigations concern Russian propaganda agents and the exposure of their fakes. Examples are investigations of [the Internet activities of the “troll factory”](#) and [RIA FAN, as well as their founder Yevgeny Prigozhin, Wagner PMC in Donbas](#), as well as exposing fakes. The BBC published [journalistic investigations about Russian mercenaries](#) and [the persons involved in the MH17 disaster](#).

In February 2020, BBC launched a [documentary podcast series “Business Trip to Donetsk”](#), dedicated to the work of journalists covering the armed conflict.