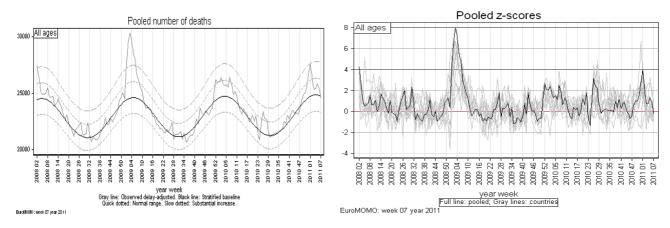
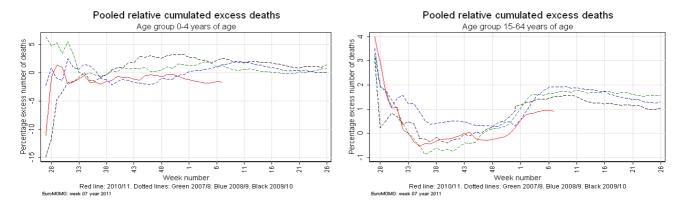
**European mortality bulletin week 7, 2011**: After the moderate increased mortality among the elderly in December and the beginning of January in many countries, mortality is now within the normal range for all countries.

Over the last weeks the overall, all-cause number of deaths, corrected for delay in local reporting of deaths, has been below 2 z-scores (Figure: Pooled number of deaths). However, some Mediterranean countries still tend to lie above the expected number of deaths (Figure: Pooled z-scores, gray lines above 0), while all other countries are below or at the expected number of deaths (Figure: Pooled z-scores, gray lines at or below 0).



Cumulated excess deaths for this season compared to previous seasons are within the same range. For children (below 5 years of age) we continue to see a relative low and stable number of deaths around 2% below the expected number of deaths. Among adults (15 to 64 years of age) a lower number of deaths compared to the expected as well as to previous seasons, after a catch-up through December, has stabilised at around 0.5% above the expected number of deaths.



The analyses, based on eleven countries, were adjusted for differences in local delay of reporting and heterogeneities in pattern and variation between the included countries. Further details are available on <a href="http://www.euromomo.eu/results/pooled.html">http://www.euromomo.eu/results/pooled.html</a>