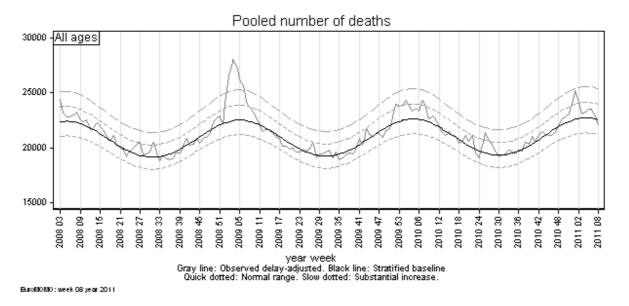
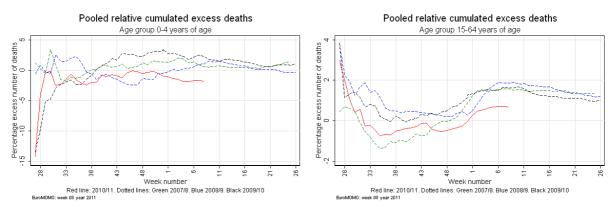
European mortality bulletin week 8, 2011: Mortality has over the past month been within the normal range for all countries.

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). Number of deaths in the Mediterranean countries tended through February to lie above the expected number of deaths, while all other countries tended to be below or at the expected number of deaths. This has now equalised.



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 just 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 catchup through December, seems to have stabilised.



The analyses, based on ten 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 http://www.euromomo.eu/results/pooled.html