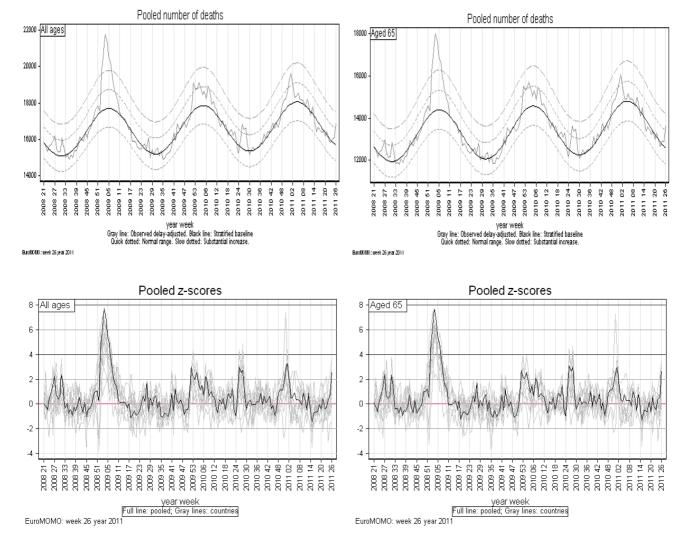
**European mortality bulletin week 26, 2011:** Mortality has since the middle of January been within the normal range for all countries. However, it has been increasing for the elderly the last few weeks.

Over the last months, all-cause number of deaths, corrected for delay in local reporting of deaths, has been below 2 z-scores. There seems to be an increase in number of deaths among persons aged 65 in some counties, but not all (large variation in the country-specific z-scores). A pattern also observed previous years and probably associated to early-summer heat waves. However, the explanation may to some extent also be linked to the adjusted for delay in registration.



The analyses, based on nine 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