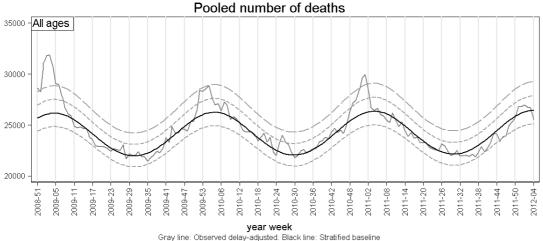
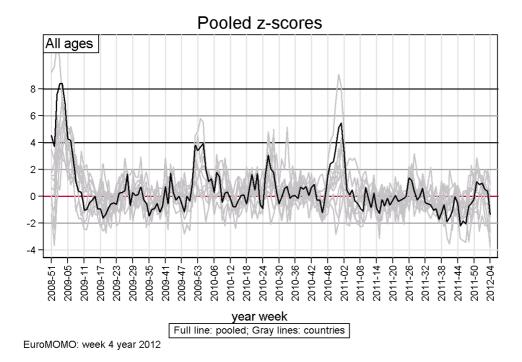
**European mortality bulletin week 4, 2012:** Pooled total all-cause mortality is normal range for this time of the season.

In recent weeks all-cause mortality has been around 2 z-scores above the baseline in a number of countries. Such excess mortality around Christmas and New Year has been detected in previous years, without an obvious cause been known.



Gray line: Observed delay-adjusted. Black line: Stratified baseline Quick dotted: Normal range (2 zscores). Slow dotted: Substantial increase (4 zscores)

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The pooled 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