



### **European mortality bulletin, week 03, 2015:**

Excess all-cause mortality have been observed among the elderly (65+) during the recent weeks in six of 16 reporting countries.

Data from 16 countries or regions\* was received, of these 14\* was included in the pooled analyses. An excess number of deaths among the elderly was observed in Portugal, England, Scotland, Wales, the Netherlands, Spain, and France. Excess all-cause mortality cannot with certainty be attributed to specific causes, but may be associated with extreme cold, increase in acute respiratory illness and the start of the influenza season. The current increase coincide with circulating influenza in most countries, however in France it started prior to the beginning of influenza season.

The pooled analyses, which may accumulate minor increases in excess mortality across countries, do also detect excess all-cause among the elderly during the past weeks on levels similar to the 2012/13 Winter season.

Excess mortality levels in most recent weeks may be difficult to interpret because adjustment for delayed registrations may be imprecise. Further, results of pooled analyses may vary dependent on which countries were included in the weekly analyses.

Pooled analyses were adjusted for variation between the included countries and for differences in the local delay in reporting.

Further details are available on <http://www.euromomo.eu>

\*Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Northern Ireland (UK), Portugal, Scotland (UK), Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Wales (UK).

\*\*Not included in the pooled analyses: Portugal and Northern Ireland (UK).

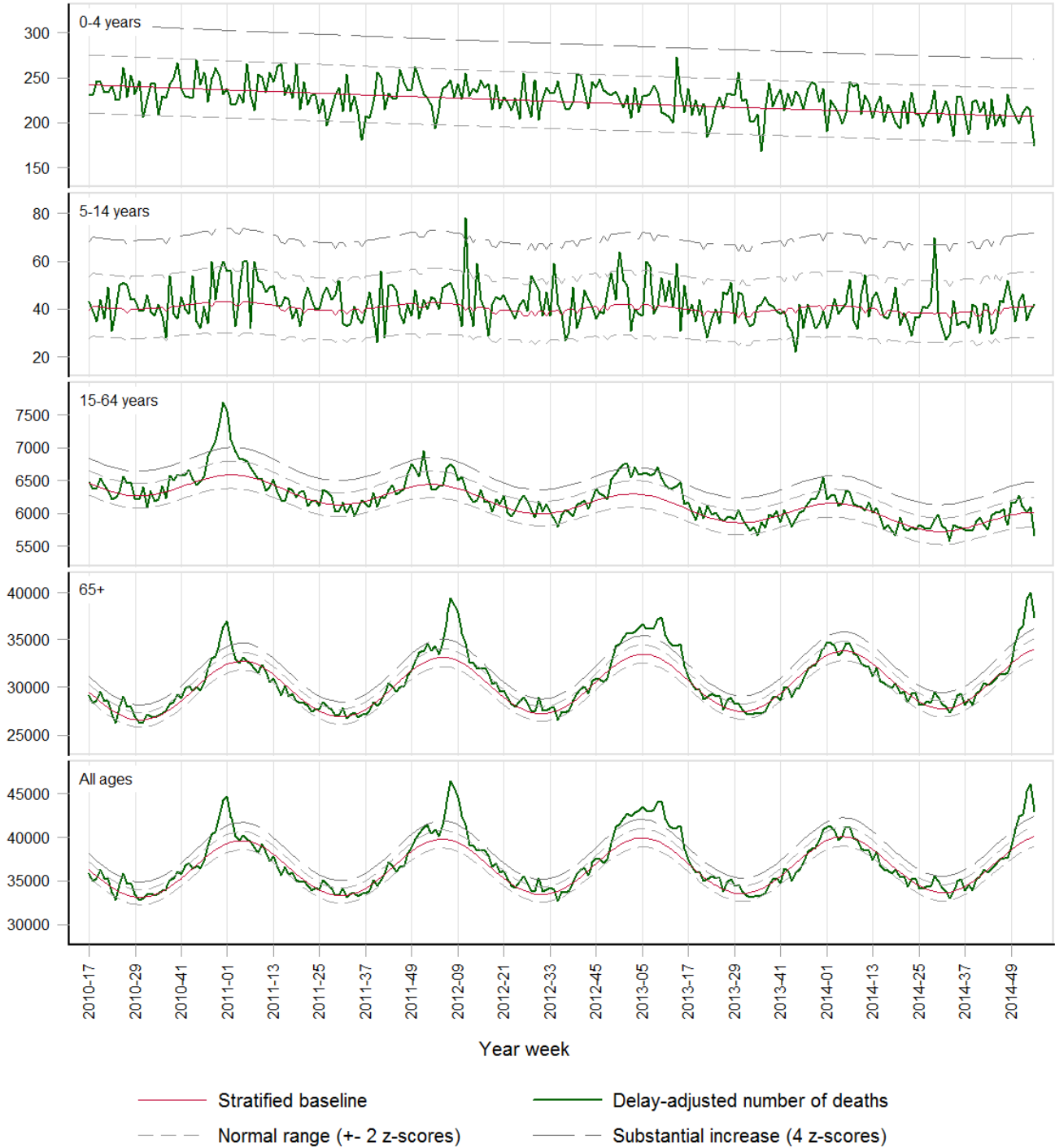
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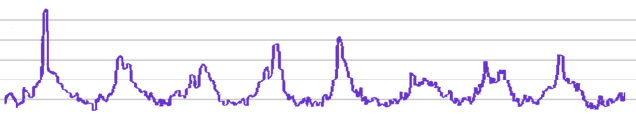
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**Participating countries:**

Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland  
 UK (England), UK (Scotland), UK (Wales)

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