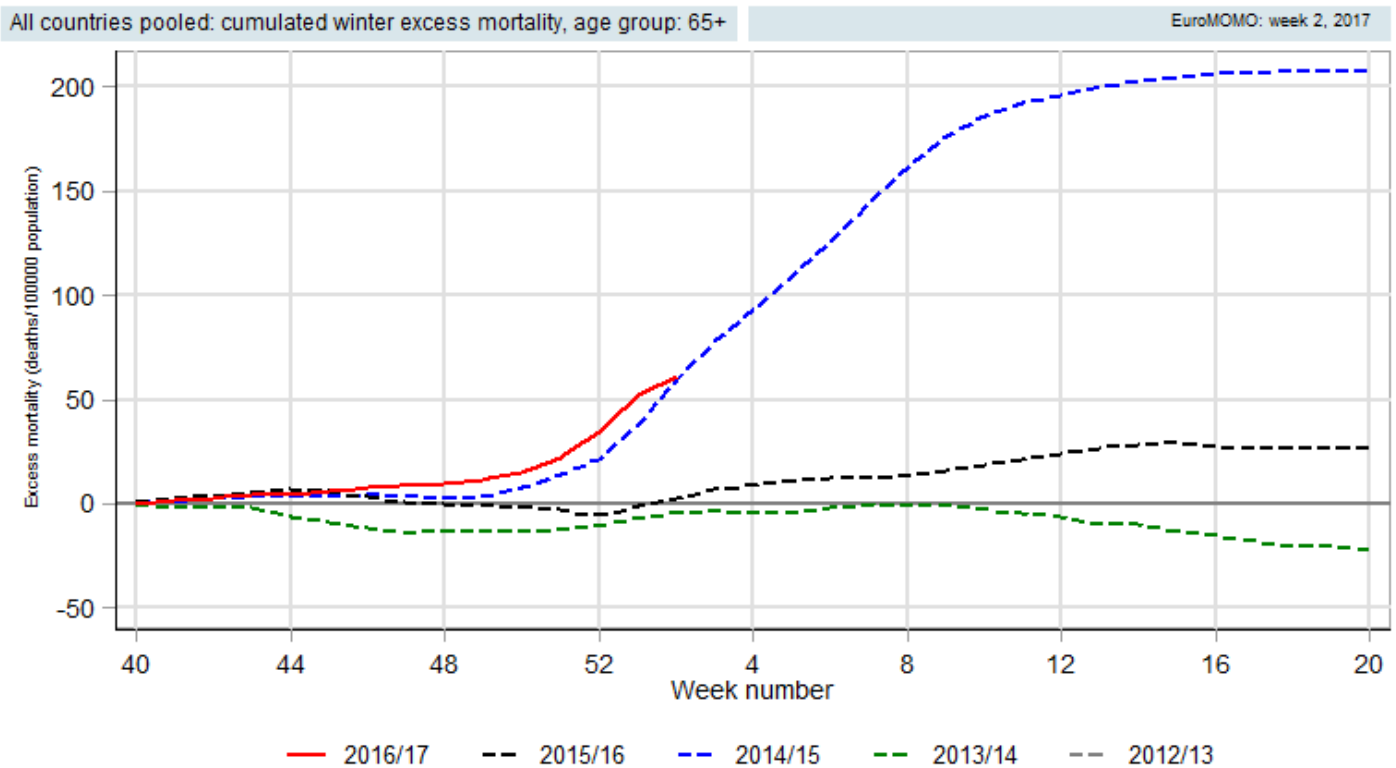


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Most participating countries saw marked increases in excess all-cause mortality among elderly over the past one to two months. Most likely, this is mainly due to circulation of influenza A(H3N2). Data from 18 countries or regions were received this week and included in the pooled analyses.



Participating countries:
Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway
Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK (England), UK (Scotland), UK (Wales)

The excess mortality seen this winter season seems to follow the pattern seen in 2014/15. This influenza season was, as the present, dominated by circulation of influenza A(H3N2) which usually has a considerable impact on mortality among the elderly. However, caution is still warranted and it is premature to make projections of the overall impact.

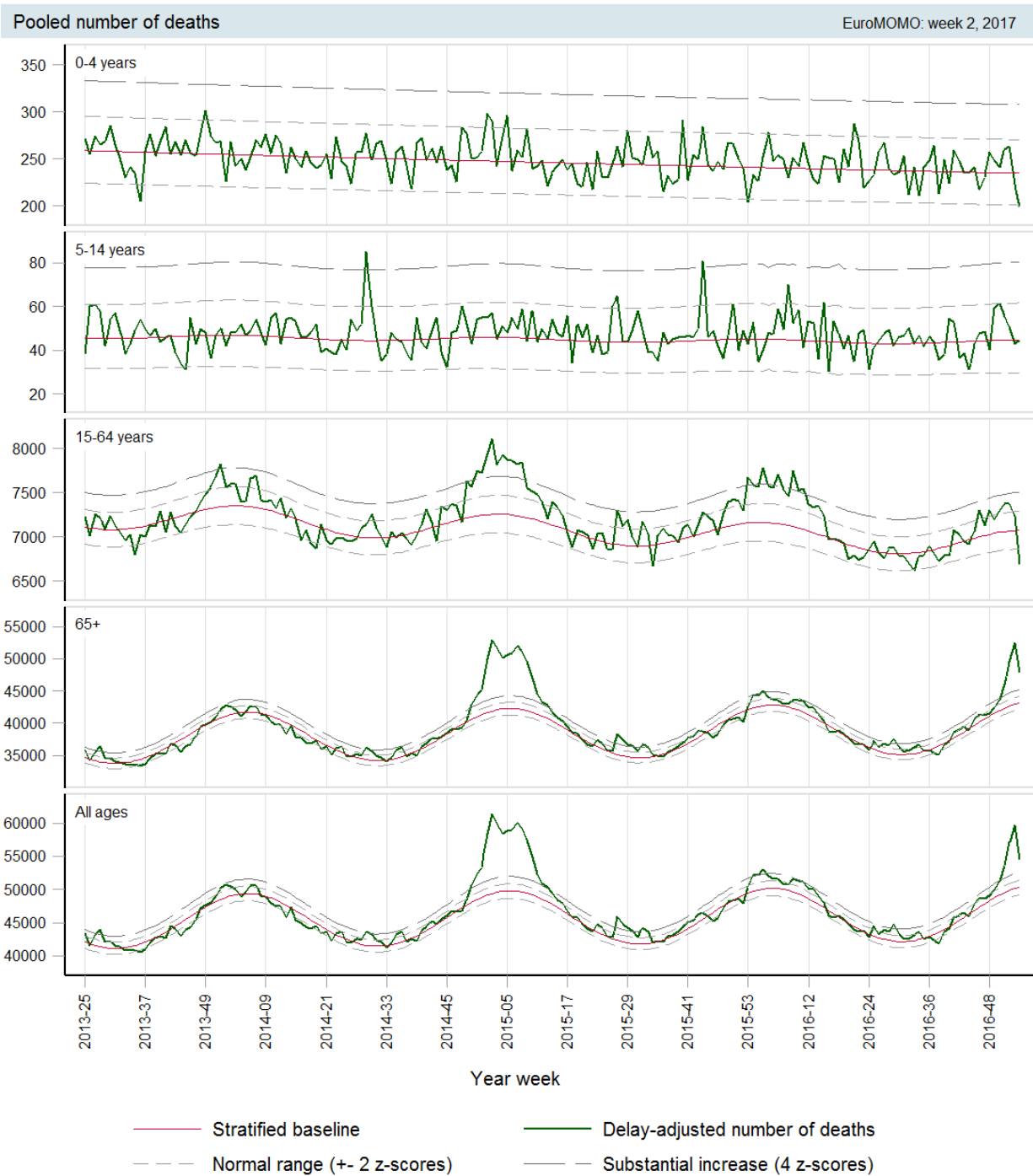
Some countries also experienced extremely cold weather the past weeks, which may have contributed to the excess mortality over the past few weeks. The excess mortality in these weeks should be interpreted with caution because adjustment for delayed registrations may be imprecise.



Results of pooled analyses may vary depending on which countries were included in the weekly analyses. Pooled analyses are 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>

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