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Pooled estimates of all-cause mortality show excess mortality overall for the participating countries, seen in the age group of 65 years and above. In some countries, a particularly high excess mortality is notable, including Italy (updated week 13 data pending), Spain, Switzerland, Belgium and the UK (England).

Data from 22 participating countries or regions were included in this week’s pooled analysis of

all-cause mortality in Europe.

The number of deaths in the recent weeks should be interpreted with caution as adjustments for delayed registrations may be imprecise. Furthermore, results of pooled analyses may vary depending on countries 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>.

**Note concerning COVID-19 related mortality as part of the all-cause mortality figures reported by EuroMOMO**

Over the past few days and weeks, the EuroMOMO hub has received many questions about the weekly all-cause mortality data and the possible contribution of any COVID-19 related mortality.

Some wonder why no increased mortality is observed in the reported mortality figures for the COVID-19 affected countries.

The answer is that an increased mortality occurring primarily at subnational level or within smaller focal areas, and/or concentrated within smaller age groups, may not be immediately detected at the overall national level, and even more so in the pooled European-wide analysis, given the large total population denominator.

Therefore, although increased mortality may currently be observable in the EuroMOMO figures, this does not mean that increased mortality does not occur in some areas or in some age groups, including mortality related to COVID-19.



