

COVID-19 weekly surveillance report

Data for the week of 11-17 Jan 2021 (Epi week 2)

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Key points

Week 2/2021 (11-17 Jan 2021)

- The number of cases reported in the Region decreased by 9.4% to 1 717 851 in week 2/2021 (from 1 880 165 in week 1/2021)
- 62% (1 062 017) of the cases reported in week 2/2021 were reported from six countries: United Kingdom (20%; 339 952), Spain (11%; 192 917), Russian Federation (10%; 166 255), France (7%; 127 035), Germany (7%; 124 991) and Italy (6%; 110 867). The remaining cases (38%; 655 834) were reported by 48 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported in week 2/2021
- The crude incidence continues to vary across the region with a range from 0.1 per 100,000 population in Tajikistan to 1643 per 100,000 population in Faroe Islands / Gibraltar in week 2/2021
- Six countries and territories had a crude incidence of ≥500 per 100,000 population in week 2/2021: United Kingdom (1643), Israel (683), Portugal (618), Ireland (595), Andorra (585) and Czech Republic (542) (Figure 2A). A total of 20 countries had a crude incidence of ≥200 per 100,000 population week 2/2021
- The 14-day cumulative incidence increased by ≥10% in 22 countries and territories in the Region; an increase of ≥50% was observed in nine of these countries and territories: Isle of Man, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Malta, Israel, Norway, Monaco and Iceland (see [EURO COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for recent trends)
- In week 2/2021, of countries that reported data on genetically characterized SARS-CoV-2 viruses, specific variants were observed in Belgium, Greece, Hungary and Sweden (17 "VOC 202012/01" and 1 "501V2" in Belgium, 4 "VOC 202012/01" in Greece, 5 "VOC 202012/01" in Hungary and 1 "VOC 202012/01" in Sweden)
- The number of deaths in the Region in week 2/2021 increased 3% to 38 406 (from 36 715 in week 1/2021) (Figure 1). The proportion of reported cases that died was 2.2% in week 2/2021
- 67% (25 642) of the deaths reported in week 2/2021 were reported by United Kingdom (20%; 7 722), Germany (16%; 6 076), Russian Federation (10%; 3 729), Italy (9%; 3 406), France (7%; 2 543) and Poland (6%; 2 166). The remaining deaths (33%; 12 764) were reported from 48 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total deaths reported in week 2/2021
- Community-transmission was reported by 38 countries and territories, 16 countries and territories reported cluster transmission, while 4 countries and territories reported sporadic transmission in week 2/2021
- For an interactive sub-national view of the recent COVID-19 situation in the WHO-EURO Region [WHO-EURO COVID-19 Subnational Explorer](#)

Summary overview

- The cumulative cases across the Region increased 5.9% to 30 676 925 cases in week 2/2021 (from 28 928 943 cases in week 1/2021) and cumulative deaths increased by 667 703 deaths in week 2/2021 (from 628 222 in week 1/2021)
 - As of week 2/2021, 64% (19 548 990) of cases were reported from the Russian Federation (12%; 3 568 209), United Kingdom (11%; 3 357 361), France (9%; 2 894 347), Italy (8%; 2 368 733), Spain (9%; 2 324 913), Germany (7%; 2 033 518), Turkey (5%; 1 566 327) and Poland (5%; 1 435 582). The remaining cases (36%; 11 127 935) were reported by 45 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 2/2021
 - As of 17 January 2021, two countries and territories in the Region had an effective reproductive number significantly over 1: Portugal and Kosovo (See [EpiForecasts](#) and the CMMID COVID working group COVID-19 Global Summary for latest estimates)
 - 19 countries in the Region each reported a cumulative incidence of ≥5000 cases per 100,000 population: Andorra (11 715), United Kingdom (10 606), Montenegro (8 880), Czech Republic (8 318), San Marino (8 203), Luxembourg (7 918), Slovenia (7 146), Liechtenstein (6 420), Israel (6 335), Georgia (6 200), Lithuania (6 070), Belgium (5 888), Switzerland (5 754), Armenia (5 564), Croatia (5 446), Serbia (5 332), Netherlands (5 304), Portugal (5 274) and Sweden (5 258) (Figure 2B)
 - As of week 2/2021, 66% of cumulative deaths (439 726) were reported from the United Kingdom (13%; 88 590), Italy (12%; 81 800), France (11%; 70 142), Russian Federation (10%; 65 566), Spain (8%; 53 854), Germany (7%; 46 419) and Poland (5%; 33 355). The remaining deaths (34%; 227 977) were reported by 46 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 2/2021
 - 17.7% of cases were in persons aged ≥65 years in week 2/2021, while the percentage of fatal cases aged ≥65 years was 89.1% in week 2/2021 (compared to 91% in week 14/2020) (Figure 3)
 - The latest weekly pooled EuroMOMO estimates show a substantial increased excess all-cause mortality overall for the participating European countries, coinciding with a reported increase in COVID-19 cases in several countries. This excess mortality is driven by a very substantial excess mortality in some countries, while other countries see normal mortality levels. The increased excess all-cause mortality is primarily seen among persons aged 45 years and older.
 - In week 2/2021, 18 countries reported a total of 1681 tests and 373 detections (22.2%) of SARS-CoV-2 in persons with influenza-like illness (ILI) in primary care sentinel surveillance (Figure 4)
- Overall, there were 3 709 COVID-19 cases among the total of 23 265 tests (15.9%) reported to have been performed in 25 countries in week 2/2021 (Figure 5)

New cases (week 2/2021)

1 717 851



Note: Reported cases and/or deaths from IHR States Parties may be subject to retrospective adjustments. * All references to Kosovo in this document should be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

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Figure 1: Number of COVID-19 cases (N=28 928 943) and deaths (N=628 222) by reporting week

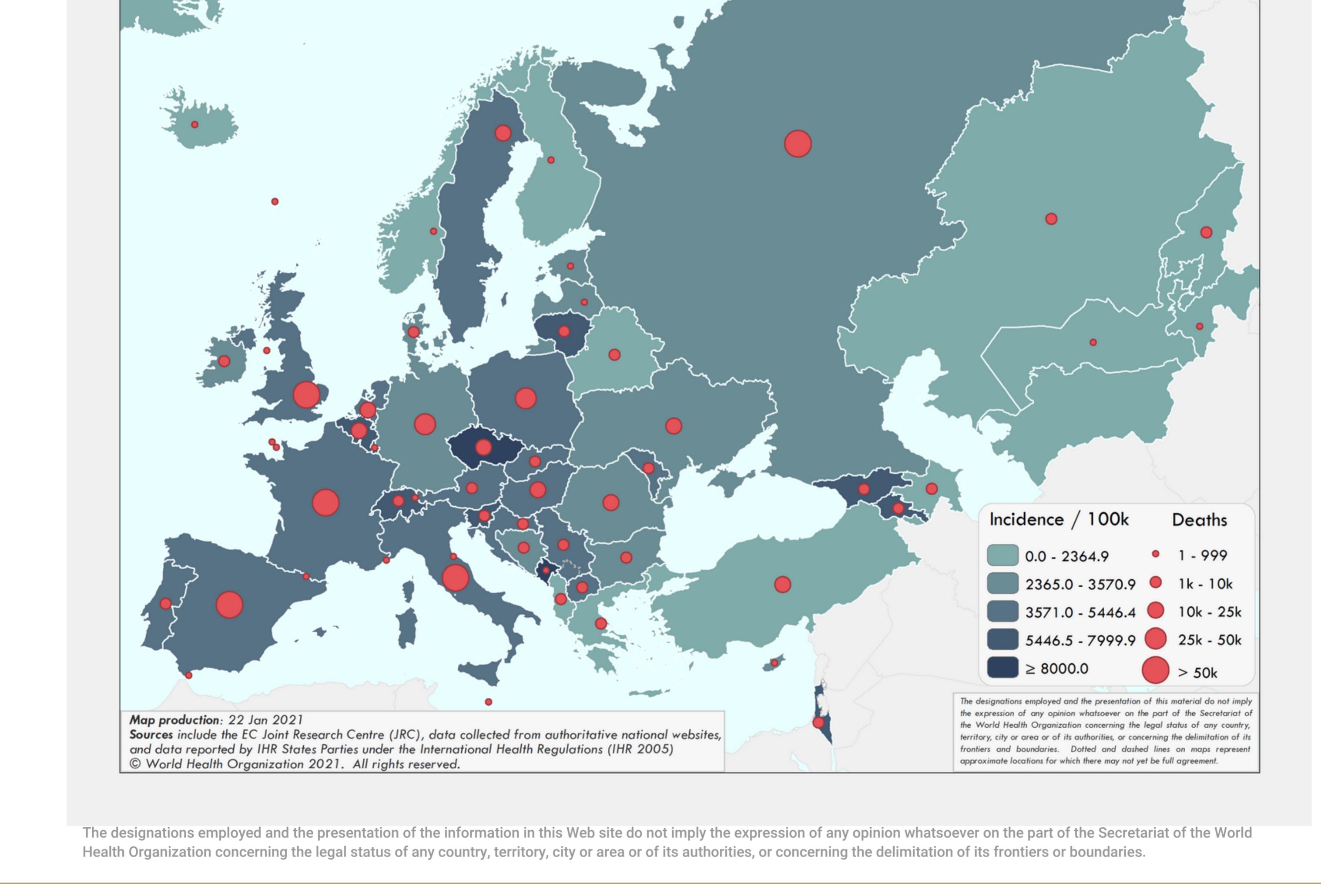
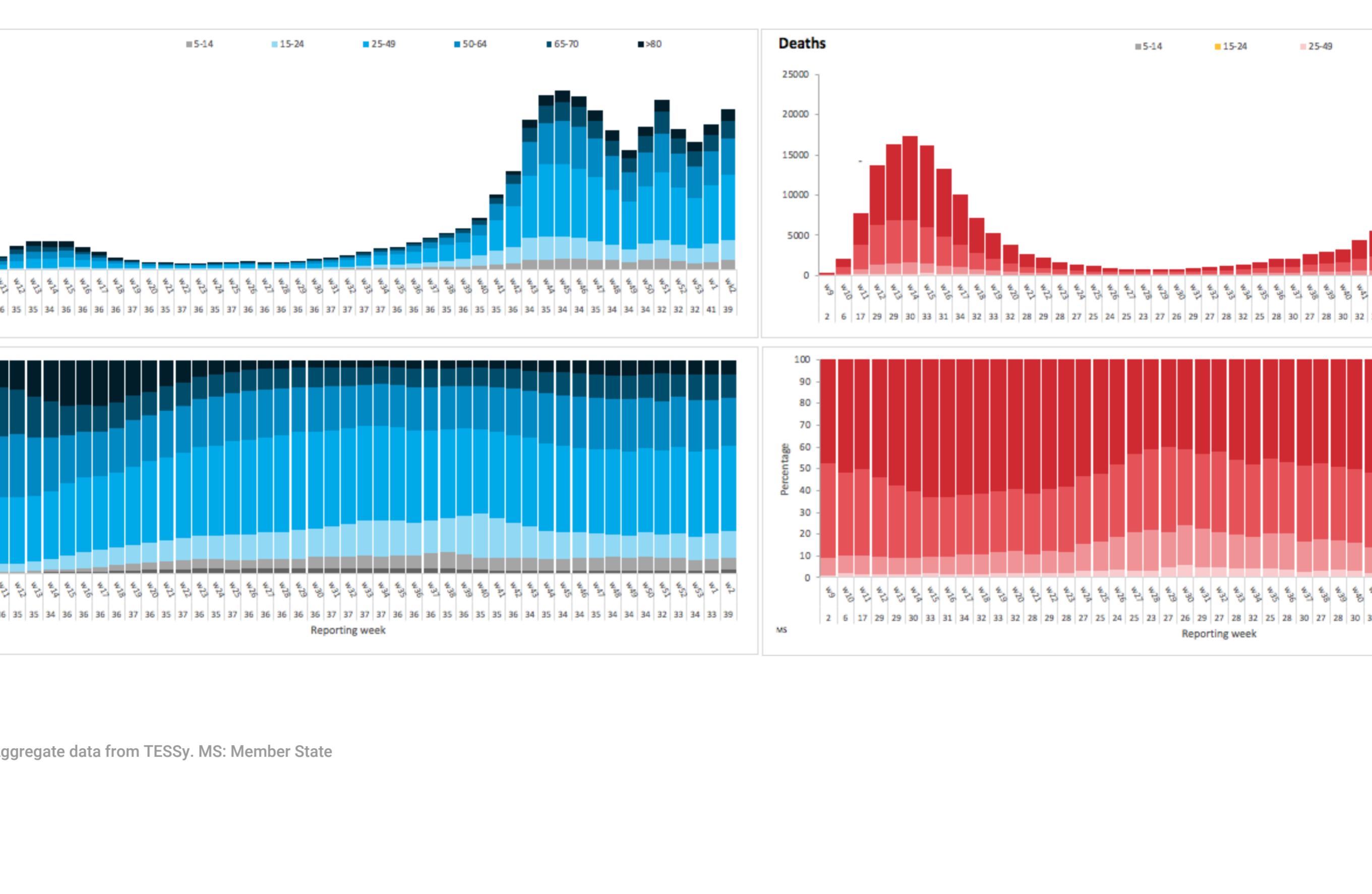


Figure 2A. COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country for week 2 /2021

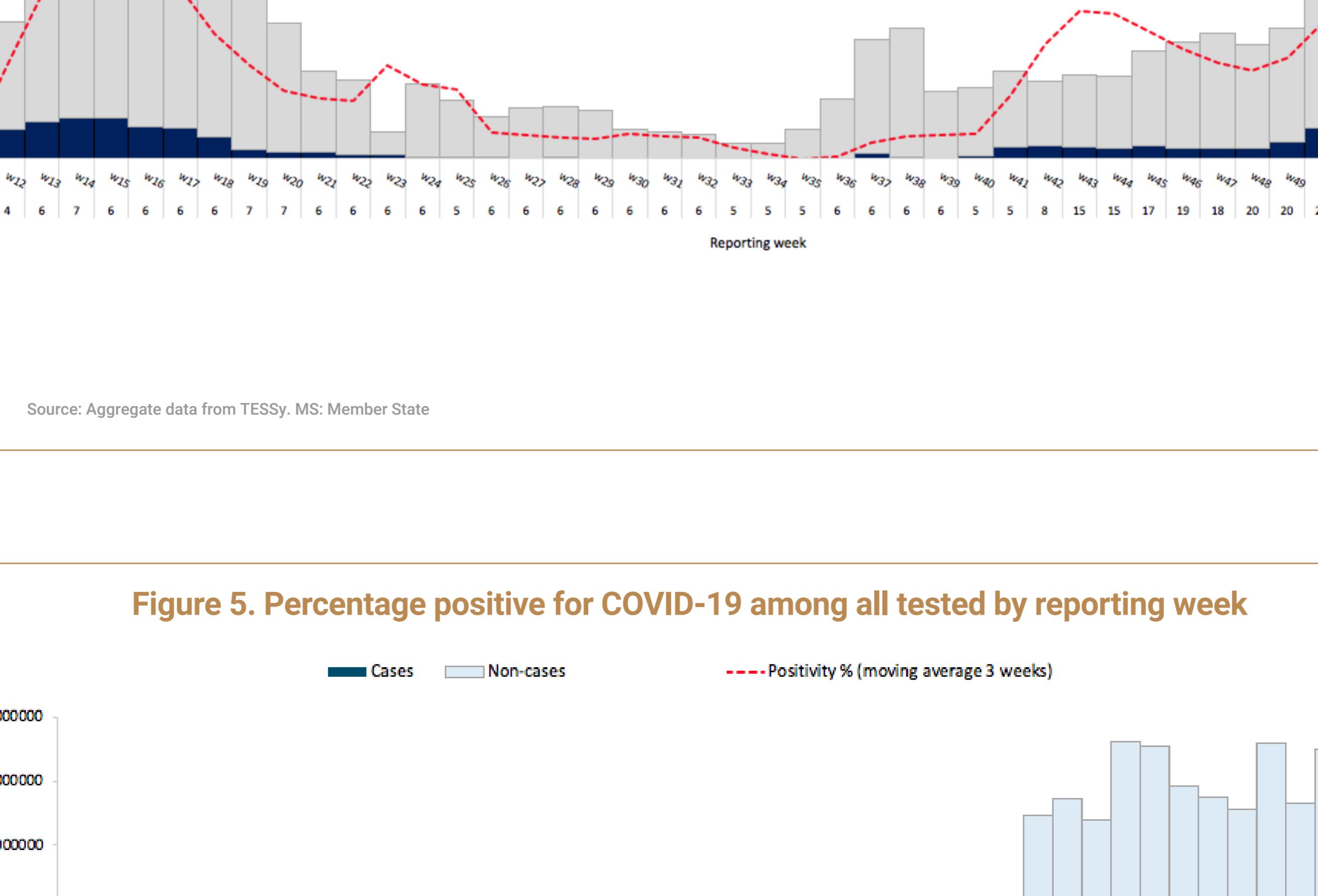


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Figure 2B. COVID-19 cumulative incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country



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Figure 3. COVID-19 cases (N=2 833 128) and deaths (N=372 417) by age group and reporting week



Source: Aggregate data from TESSy. MS: Member State

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Figure 4. Percentage positive for COVID-19 in the ILI/ARI sentinel surveillance by reporting week



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Figure 5. Percentage positive for COVID-19 among all tested by reporting week

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