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Key points

Week 6/2021 (8 -14 Feb 2021)

- The number of cases reported in the Region decreased by 14.3% to 1 010 523 in week 6/2021 (from 1 178 597 in week 5/2021)
- 65% (657 322) of the cases reported in week 6/2021 were reported from eight countries: France (13%; 131 289), Russian Federation (10%; 104 602), United Kingdom (10%; 97 273), Italy (8%; 85 721), Spain (8%; 79 737), Turkey (5%; 55 110), Czech Republic (5%; 53 044) and Germany (5%; 50 556). The remaining cases (35%; 352 201) were reported by 50 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported in week 6/2021
- The crude incidence continues to vary across the region with a range from 1.0 per 100,000 population in Uzbekistan to 578 per 100,000 population in Montenegro in week 6/2021
- One country had a crude incidence of ≥ 500 per 100 000 population in week 6/2021: Montenegro (578) (Figure 2A). A total of 15 countries had a crude incidence of ≥ 200 per 100 000 population in week 6/2021
- The 15-day cumulative incidence increased by $\geq 10\%$ in week 6/2021 in fourteen countries and territories in the Region; an increase of $\geq 50\%$ was observed in four of these countries and territories: Guernsey, Greece, Bulgaria and Republic of Moldova (see [EURO COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for recent trends)
- In week 6/2021, of countries that reported data on genetically characterized SARS-CoV-2 viruses, specific variants were observed in Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania and Sweden (31 "VOC 202012/01" and 3 "501V2" in Belgium; 68 "VOC 202012/01" in Bulgaria; 16 "VOC 202012/01", 15 "S gene deletions" and 1 "501V2" in Estonia; 2 "501V2" and 1 "VOC 202012/01" in Greece; 145 "VOC 202012/01" in Hungary; 31 "VOC 202012/01" in Luxembourg; 1 "VOC 202012/01" in Portugal; 35 "VOC 202012/01" and 10 "S gene deletions" in Romania; and 1 "501V2" in Sweden)
- The number of deaths in the Region in week 6/2021 decreased 14.8% to 29 392 (from 34 498 in week 5/2021) (Figure 1). The proportion of reported cases that died was 2.9% in week 6/2021
- 70% (20 520) of the deaths reported in week 6/2021 were reported by United Kingdom (16%; 4 816), Russian Federation (12%; 3 465), Germany (12%; 3 443), France (10%; 2 853), Italy (8%; 2 353), Spain (6%; 1 870) and Poland (6%; 1 720). The remaining deaths (30%; 8 872) were reported from 51 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total deaths reported in week 6/2021
- Community-transmission was reported by 37 countries and territories, 17 countries and territories reported cluster transmission, while 4 countries and territories reported sporadic transmission in week 6/2021
- For an interactive sub-national view of the recent COVID-19 situation in the WHO-EURO Region see [WHO-EURO COVID-19 Subnational Explorer](#)

Summary overview

- The cumulative cases across the Region increased 2.9% to 36 684 778 cases in week 6/2021 (from 35 653 156 cases in week 5/2021) and cumulative deaths increased by 3.9% to 814 454 deaths in week 6/2021 (from 783 545 in week 5/2021)
- As of week 6/2021, 61% (22 257 092) of cases were reported from the Russian Federation (11%; 4 071 883), United Kingdom (11%; 4 027 106), France (9%; 3 448 617), Spain (8%; 3 084 210), Italy (7%; 2 710 819), Turkey (7%; 2 579 896) and Germany (6%; 2 334 561). The remaining cases (39 %; 14 427 686) were reported by 51 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 6/2021
- Three countries and territories in the Region had an effective reproductive number significantly over 1: Hungary, Bulgaria and Republic of Moldova (See [EpiForecasts](#) and the CMMID COVID working group COVID-19 Global Summary for latest estimates)
- Seven countries in the Region each reported a cumulative incidence of ≥ 8500 cases per 100,000 population: Andorra (13 562), Gibraltar (12 496), Montenegro (11 034), Czech Republic (10 178), San Marino (9 756), Slovenia (8 618) and Luxembourg (8 558) (Figure 2B)
- As of week 6/2021, 67% of cumulative deaths (543 459) were reported from the United Kingdom (14%; 116 908), Italy (11%; 93 356), France (10%; 81 647), Russian Federation (10%; 80 126), Spain (8%; 65 655), Germany (8%; 64 960) and Poland (5%; 40 807). The remaining deaths (33%; 270 995) were reported by 51 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 6/2021
- 16.5% of cases were in persons aged ≥ 65 years in week 6/2021, while the percentage of fatal cases aged ≥ 65 years was 88.3% in week 6/2021 (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 6/2021, 20 countries reported a total of 1140 tests and 156 detections (13.7%) of SARS-CoV-2 in persons with influenza-like illness (ILI) in primary care sentinel surveillance (Figure 4)
- Overall, there were 606 362 COVID-19 cases among the total of 12 279 602 tests (4.9%) reported to have been performed in 32 countries in week 6/2021 (Figure 5)

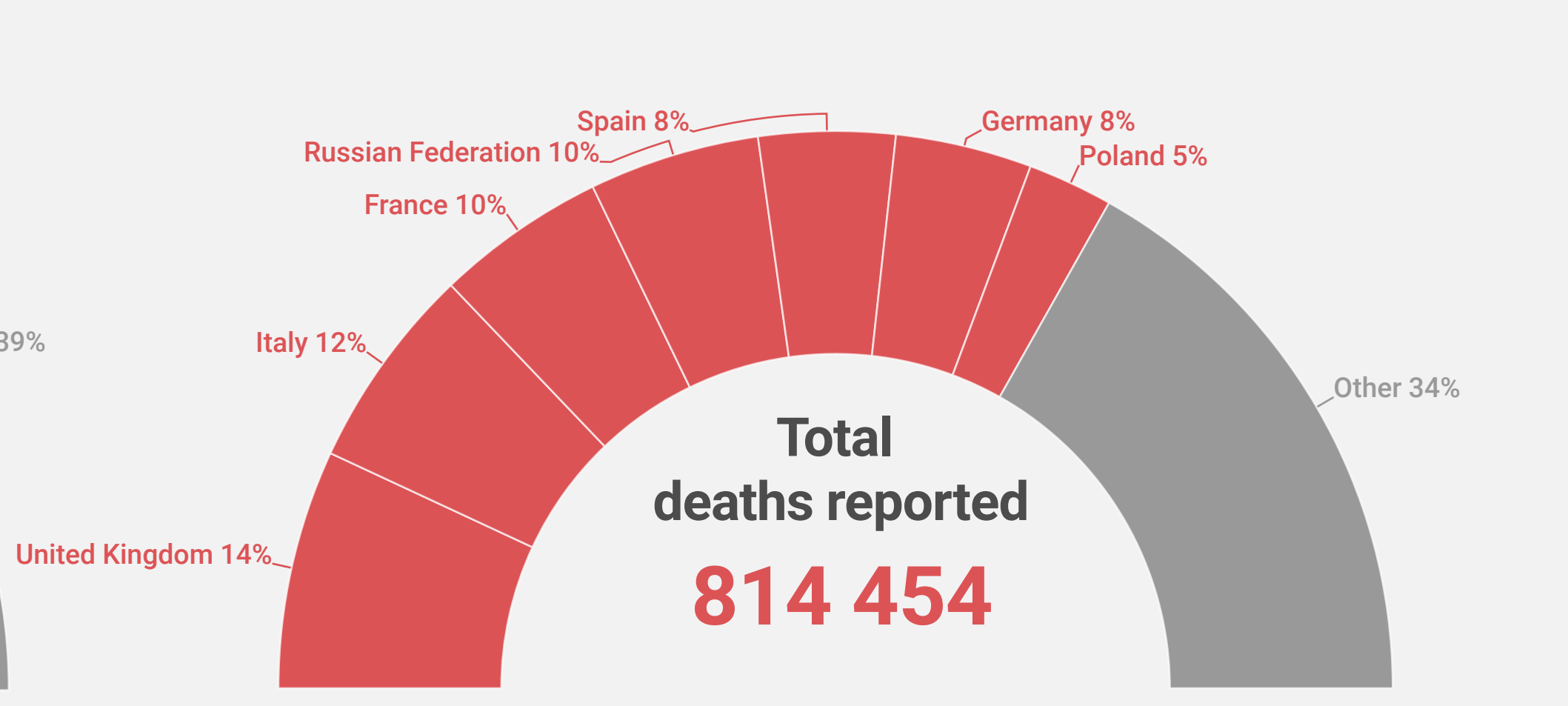
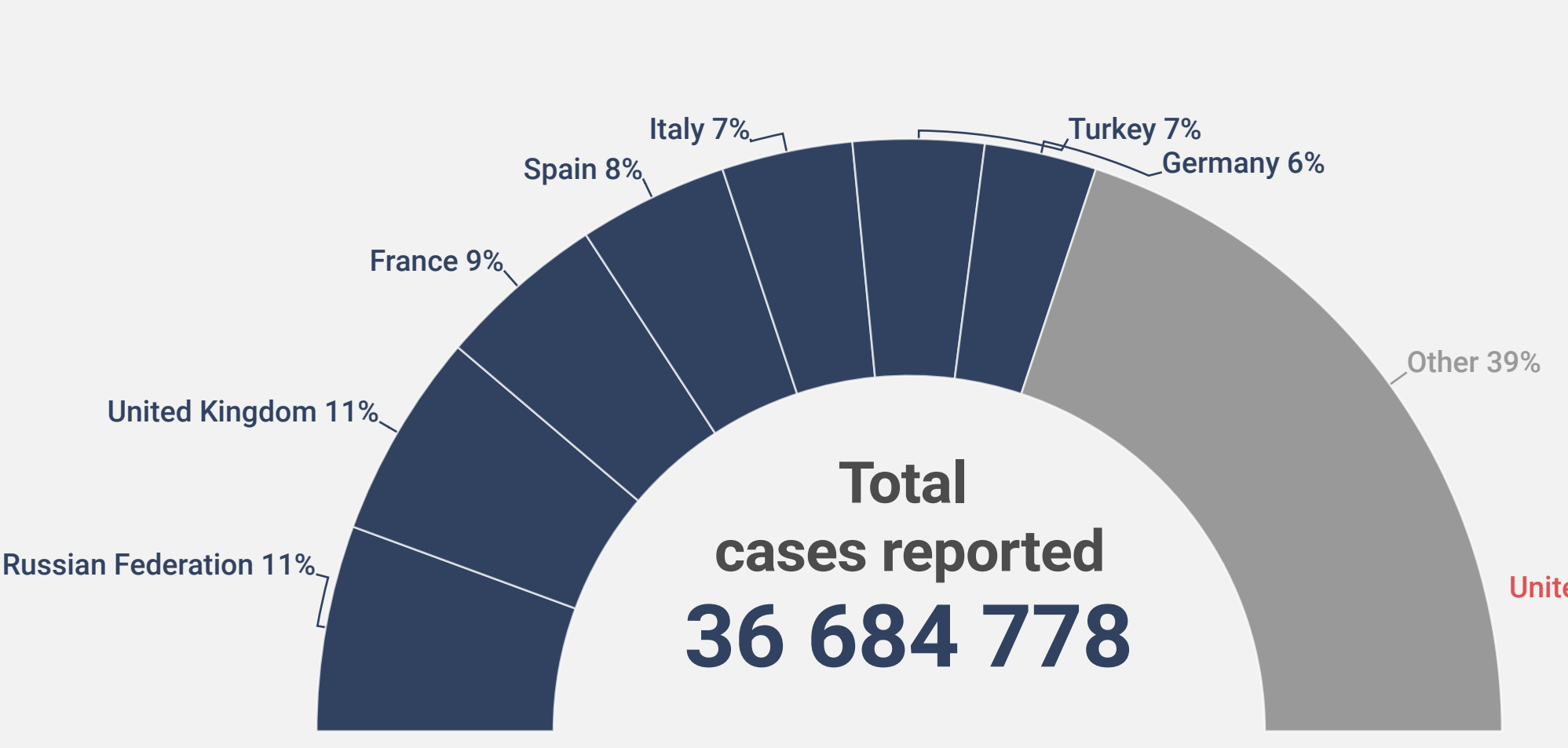
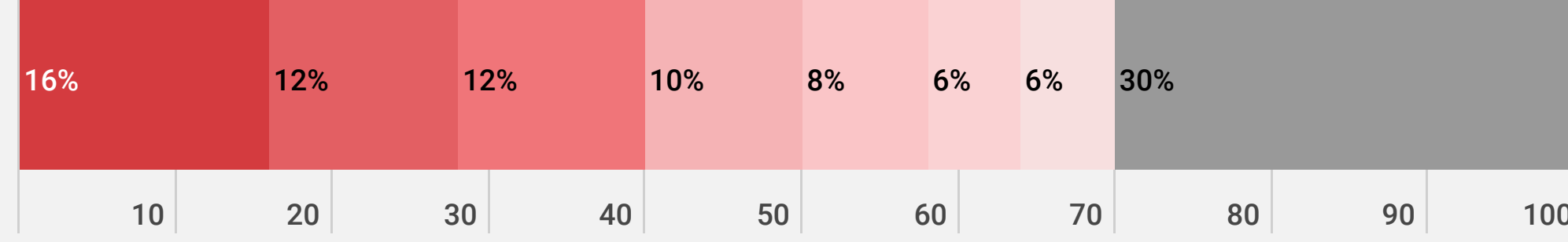
New cases (week 6/2021)

1 010 523



New deaths (week 6/2021)

29 392



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Figure 1: Number of COVID-19 cases (N=36 684 778) and deaths (N=814 454) by reporting week

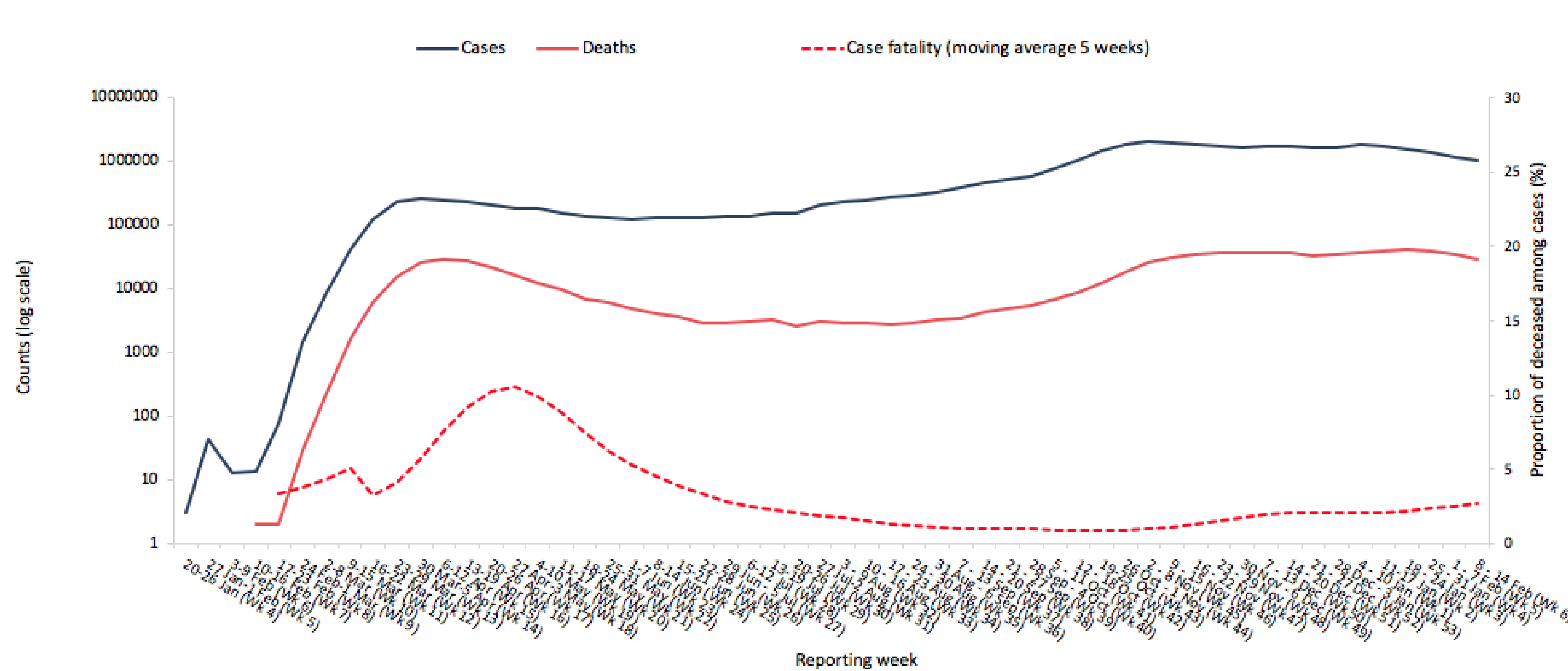


Figure 2A. COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country for week 6/2021

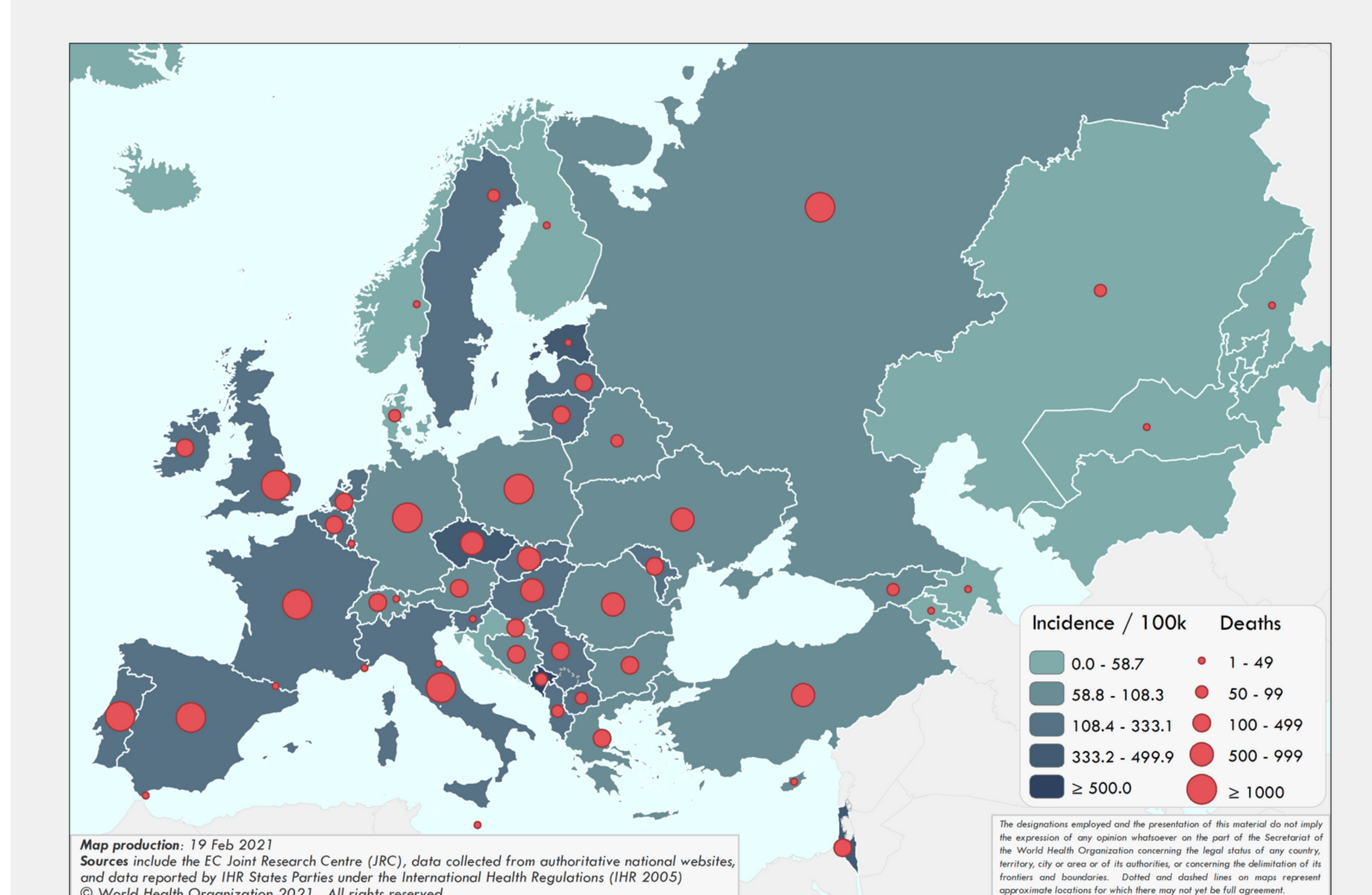


Figure 2B. COVID-19 cumulative incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country

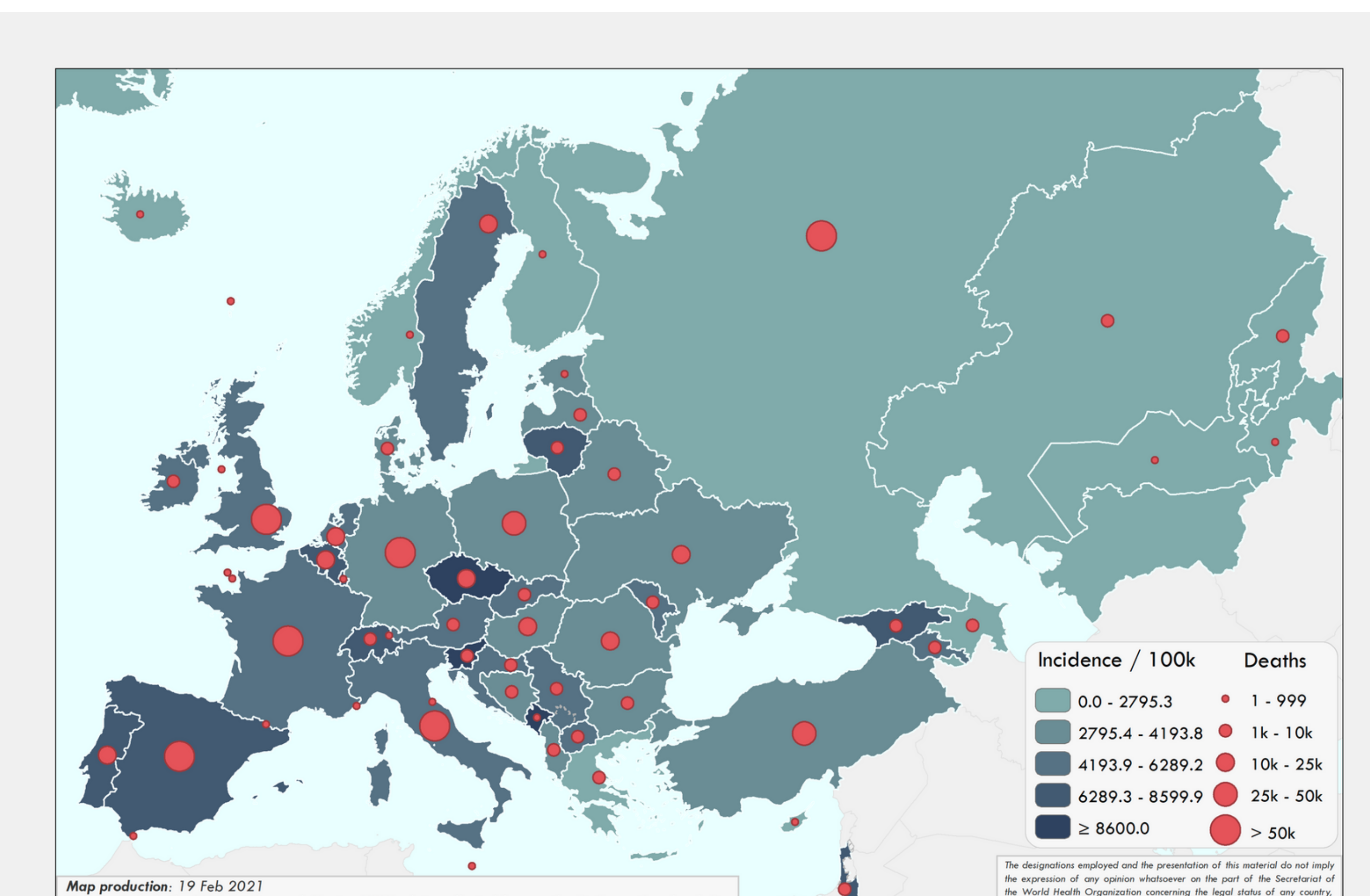
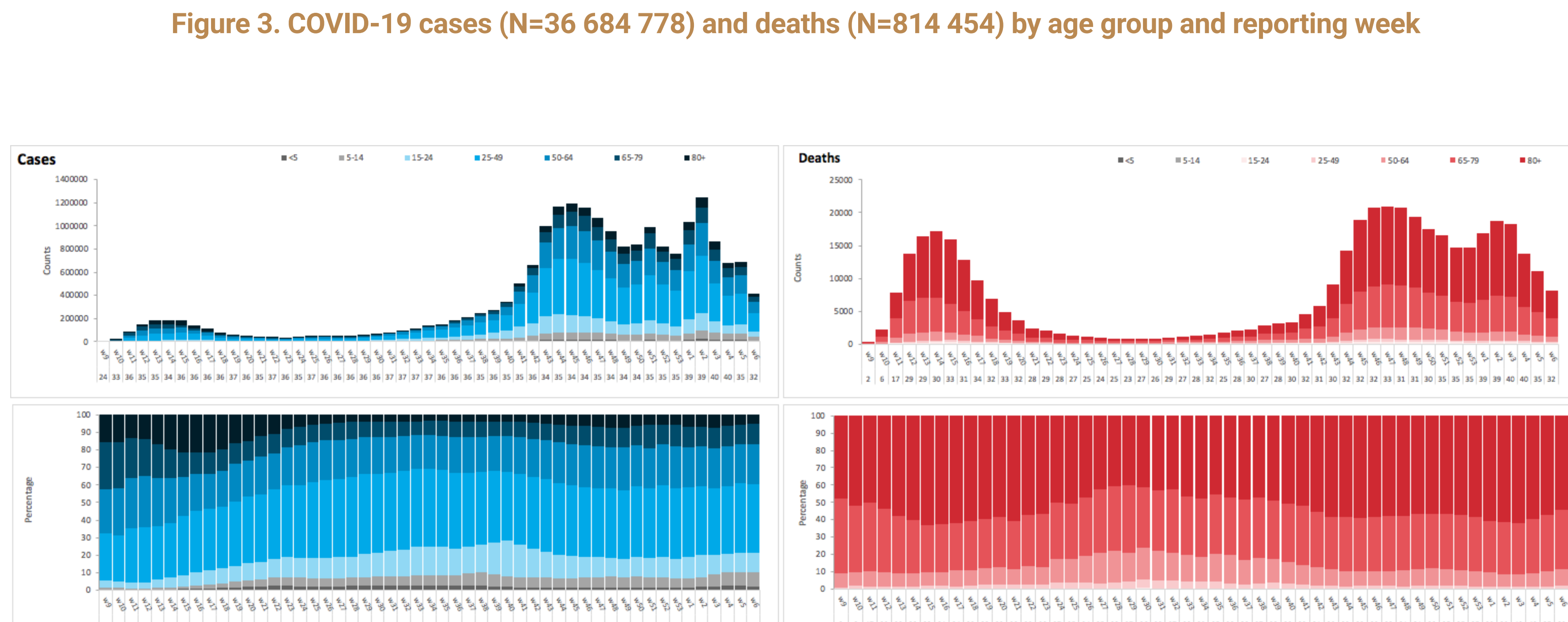
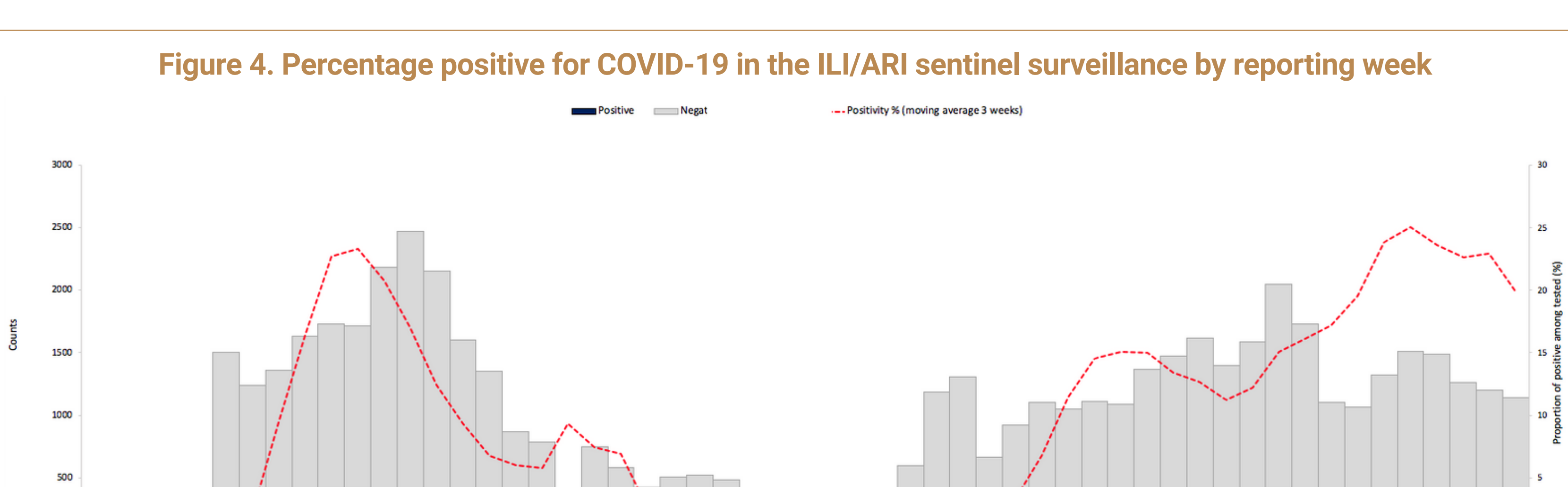


Figure 3. COVID-19 cases (N=36 684 778) and deaths (N=814 454) by age group and reporting week



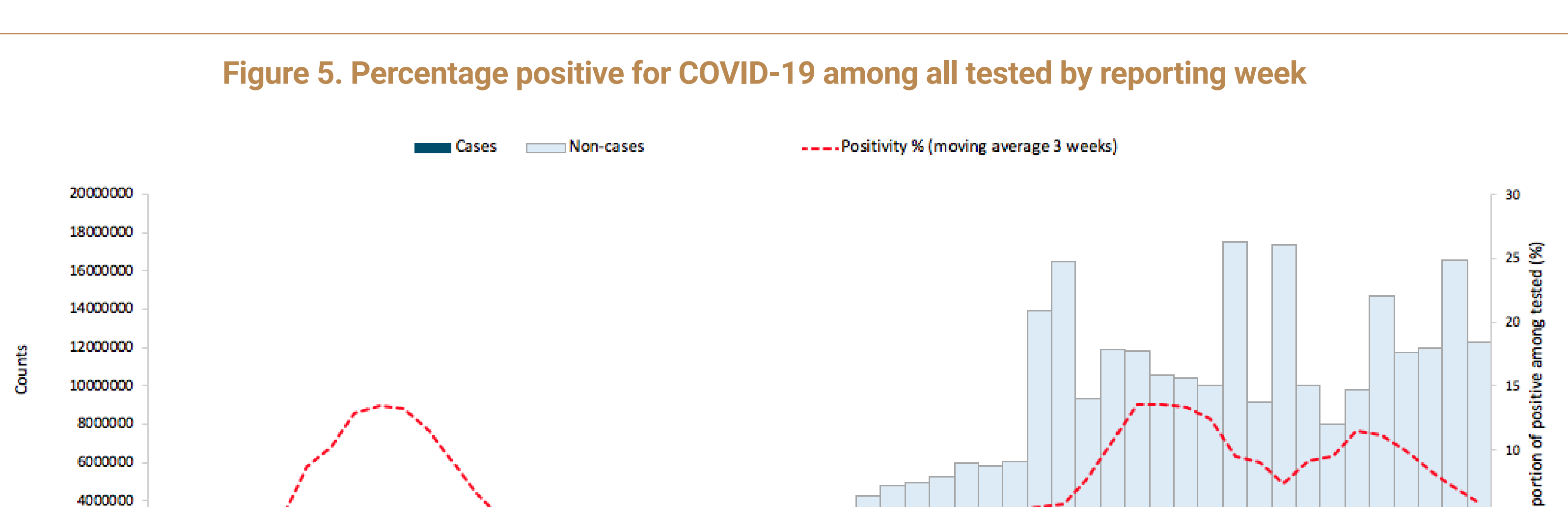
Source: Aggregate data from TESSy. MS: Member State

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



Source: Aggregate data from TESSy. MS: Member State

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



Source: Aggregate data from TESSy. Note: Member States that report cases only (no testing data) are not included. MS: Member State