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## Key points

### Week 48/2020 (23 - 29 Nov 2020)

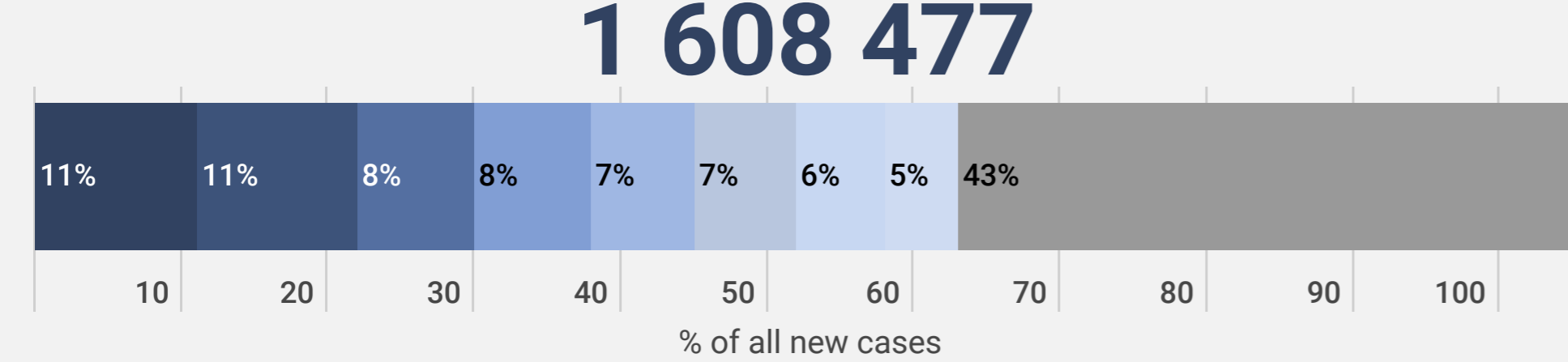
- The number of cases reported in the Region decreased by 11% to 1 608 477 in week 48/2020 compared to the previous week (1 805 976 cases in week 47/2020). There has been a steady decrease in reported cases since week 45/2020
- 57% (909 909) of the cases reported in week 48/2020 were reported from seven countries: Italy (11%; 184 001), Russian Federation (11%; 179 987), Poland (8%; 130 118), Germany (8%; 124 431), United Kingdom (7%; 111 789), Ukraine (6%; 97 935) and France (5%; 81 648). The remaining cases (43%; 698 568) were reported by 52 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported in week 48/2020
- The crude incidence continues to vary across the region with a range from 3 per 100,000 population in Tajikistan to 692 per 100,000 population in Georgia in week 48/2020
- Seven countries had a crude incidence of  $\geq 500$  per 100 000 population in week 48/2020: Georgia (692), Serbia (674), Montenegro (596), Luxembourg (592), Croatia (564), Lithuania (560) and Andorra (522) (Figure 2A). A total of 28 countries had a crude incidence of  $\geq 200$  per 100 000 population in week 48/2020
- The 14-day cumulative incidence increased by  $\geq 10\%$  in week 48/2020 in 25 countries and territories in the Region; an increase of  $\geq 50\%$  was observed in 8 of these countries and territories: Faroe Islands, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Estonia, Finland, Belarus and Albania (see [EURO COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for recent trends)
- The number of deaths in the Region in week 48/2020 increased 7% to 36 101 compared to the previous week (33 806 deaths in week 47/2020) (Figure 1). The proportion of reported cases that died was 2.2% in week 48/2020
- 58% (21 022) of the deaths reported in week 48/2020 were reported by Italy (14%; 5 102), France (10%; 3 609), Poland (10%; 3 458), United Kingdom (9%; 3 404), Russian Federation (9%; 3 348) and Germany (6%; 2 101). The remaining deaths (42%; 15 079) were reported by 45 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total deaths reported in week 48/2020
- Community-transmission was reported by 36 countries and territories, 18 countries and territories reported cluster transmission, while 4 countries and territories reported sporadic transmission in week 48/2020
- For an interactive sub-national view of the recent COVID-19 situation in the WHO-EURO Region see the [WHO-EURO COVID-19 Subnational Explorer](#)

## Summary overview

- The cumulative cases across the Region increased 9.5% to 18 566 789 cases in week 48/2020 (from 16 958 312 cases in week 47/2020) and cumulative deaths increased by 9.6% to 413 778 deaths (from 377 677 deaths in week 47/2020)
- As of 18 November 2020, 9 countries in the Region had an effective reproductive number significantly over 1 (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  $\geq 4000$  cases per 100,000 population: Andorra (8568), Montenegro (5607), Luxembourg (546), Belgium (5002), Czech Republic (4852), San Marino (4683) and Armenia (4557) (Figure 2B)
- As of week 48/2020, 61% (11 310 521) of cumulative cases were reported from the Russian Federation (12%; 2 269 316), France (12%; 2 208 699), Spain (9%; 1 646 509), United Kingdom (9%; 1 605 172), Italy (8%; 1 564 532), Germany (6%; 1 042 700) and Poland (5%; 973 593). The remaining cases (39%; 7 256 268) were reported by 54 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total cases reported until week 48/2020
- As of week 48/2020, 60% of cumulative deaths (249 377) were reported from the United Kingdom (14%; 58 030), Italy (13%; 54 363), France (13%; 52 127), Spain (11%; 45 330) and the Russian Federation (10%; 39 527). The remaining deaths (42%; 15 079) were reported by 45 countries and territories; each accounted for <5% of the total deaths reported until week 48/2020
- 18% of cases were in persons aged  $\geq 65$  years in week 48/2020, a decrease from 36% in week 14/2020, while the percentage of fatal cases aged  $\geq 65$  years was 86% in week 47/2020 (compared to 91% in week 14/2020) (Figure 3)
- 89% of all deaths with information available were in persons aged  $\geq 65$  years and 56% of all deaths were in men (Table 1). 96% of all deaths with information available had at least one underlying condition, with cardiovascular disease the leading comorbidity (83%) (Table 1)
- 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 48/2020, 16 countries reported a total of 463 tests and 50 detections of SARS-CoV-2 in persons with influenza-like illness (ILI) in primary care sentinel surveillance (Figure 4)
- Overall, there were 912 916 COVID-19 cases among a total of 15 808 277 tests reported to have been performed in 32 countries in week 48/2020 (Figure 5)

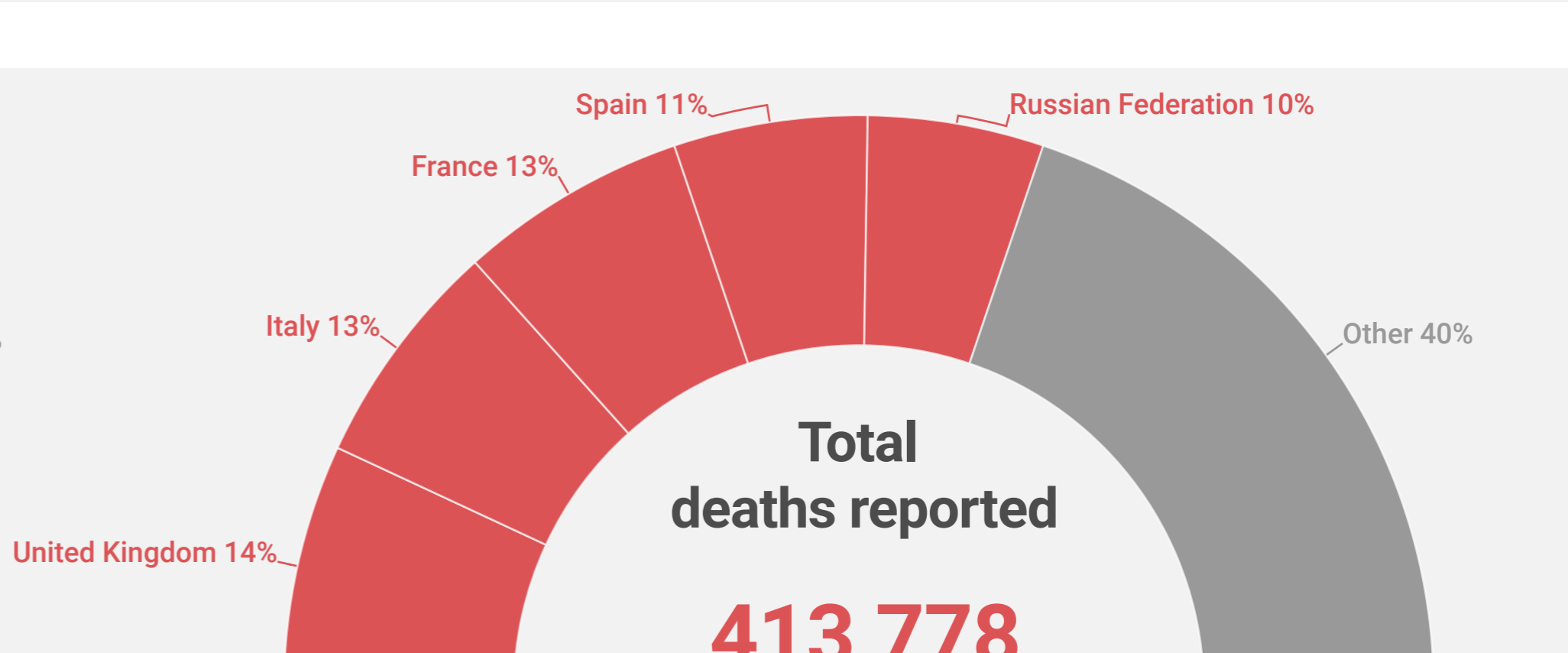
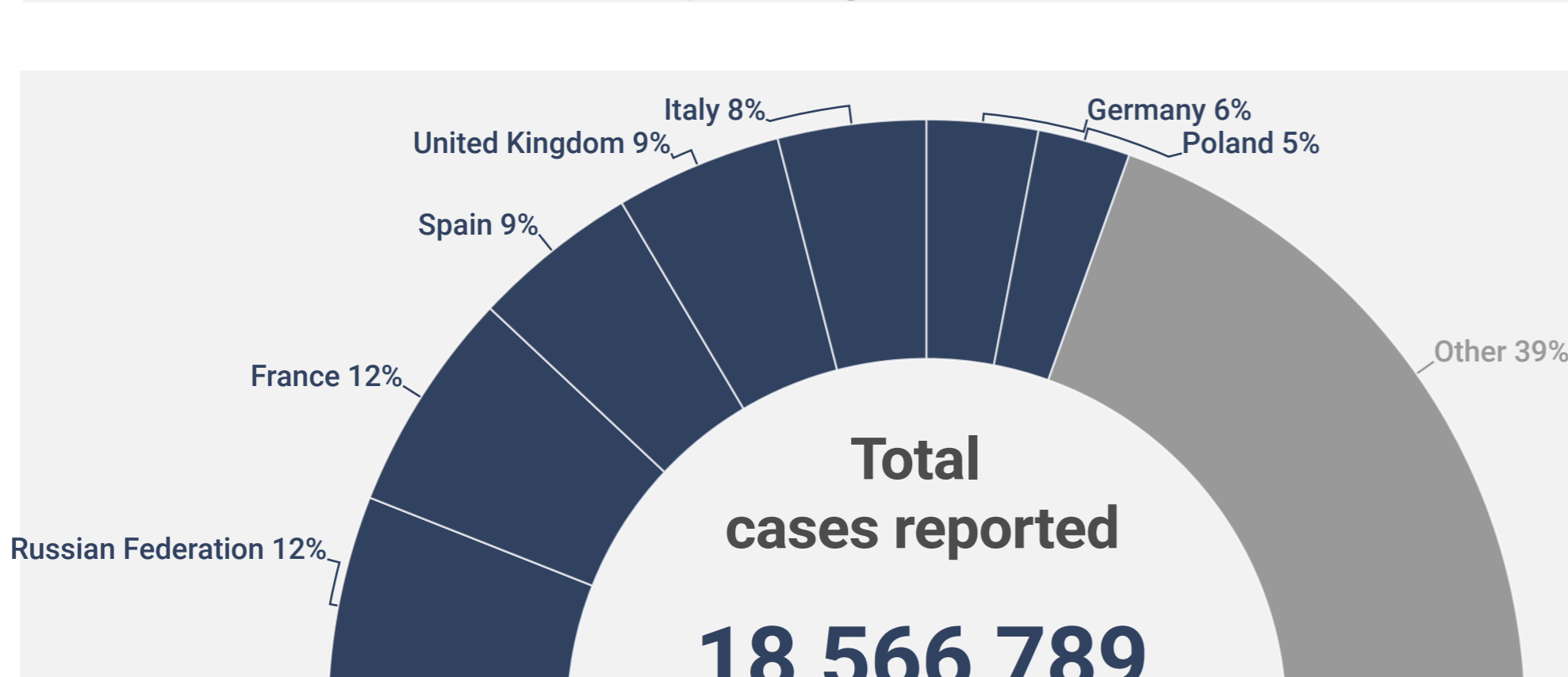
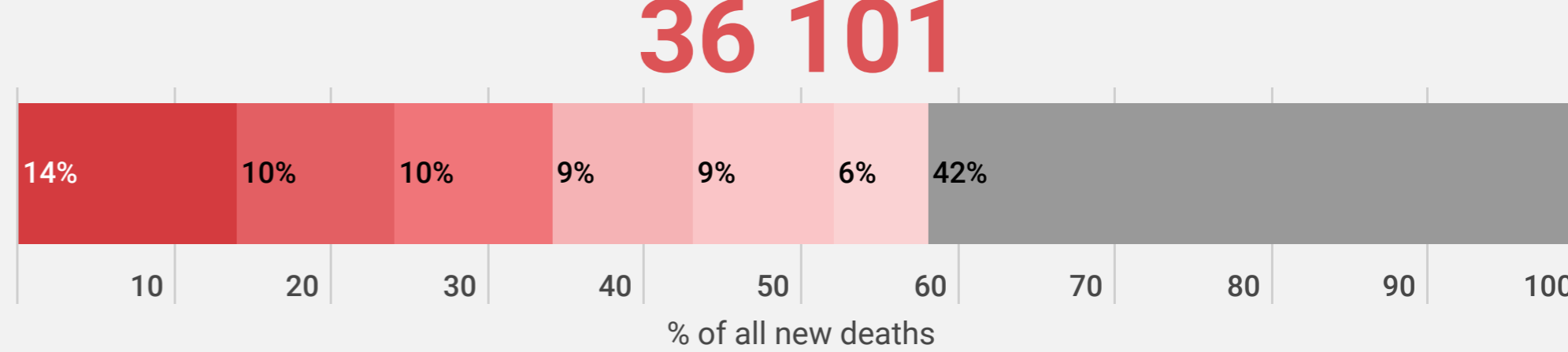
### New cases (week 48/2020)

1 608 477



### New deaths (week 48/2020)

36 101



Note: Reported cases and/or deaths from WHO Member States 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=18 566 789) and deaths (N=413 778) by reporting week

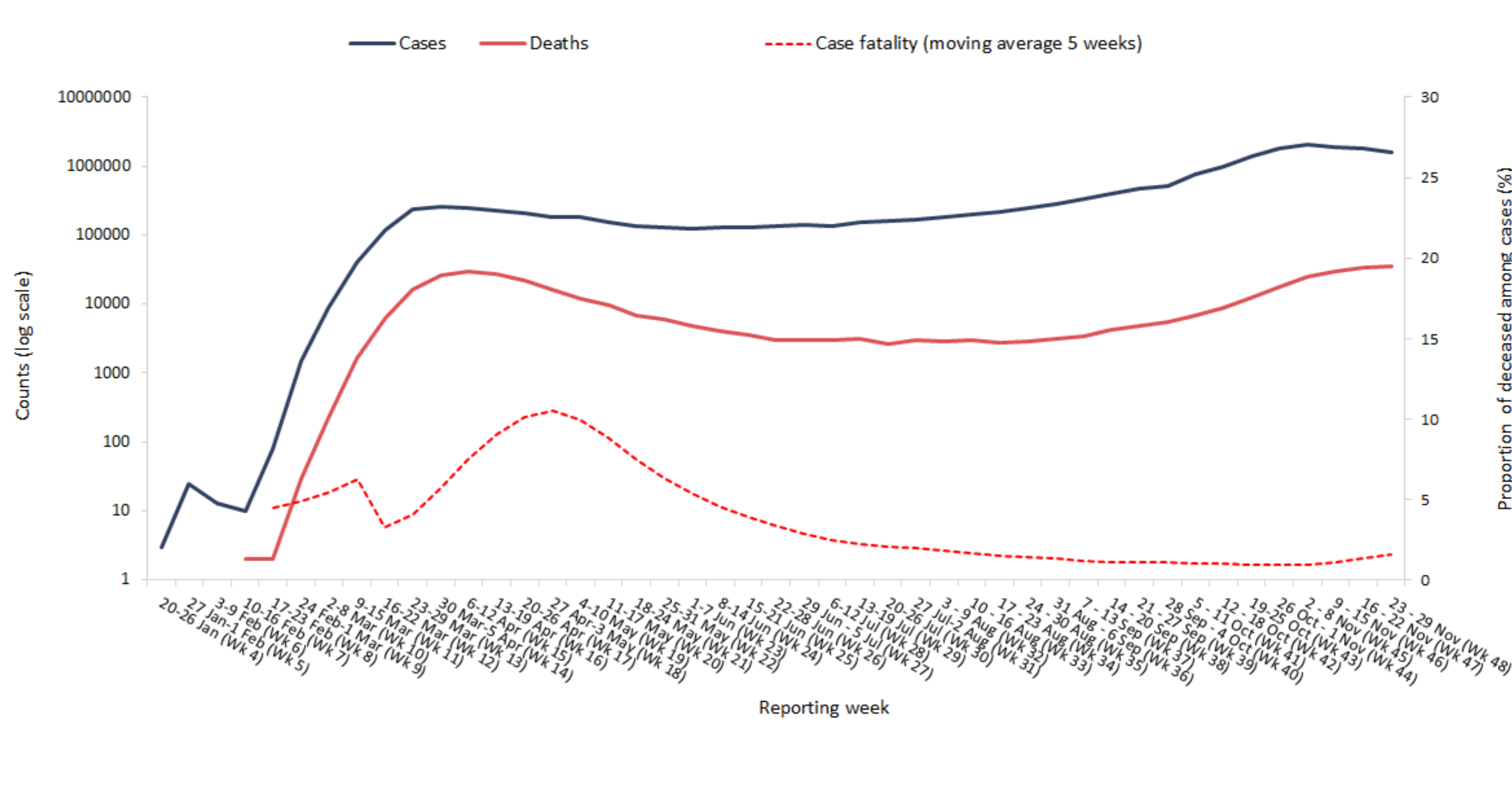


Figure 2A. COVID-19 incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country for week 48

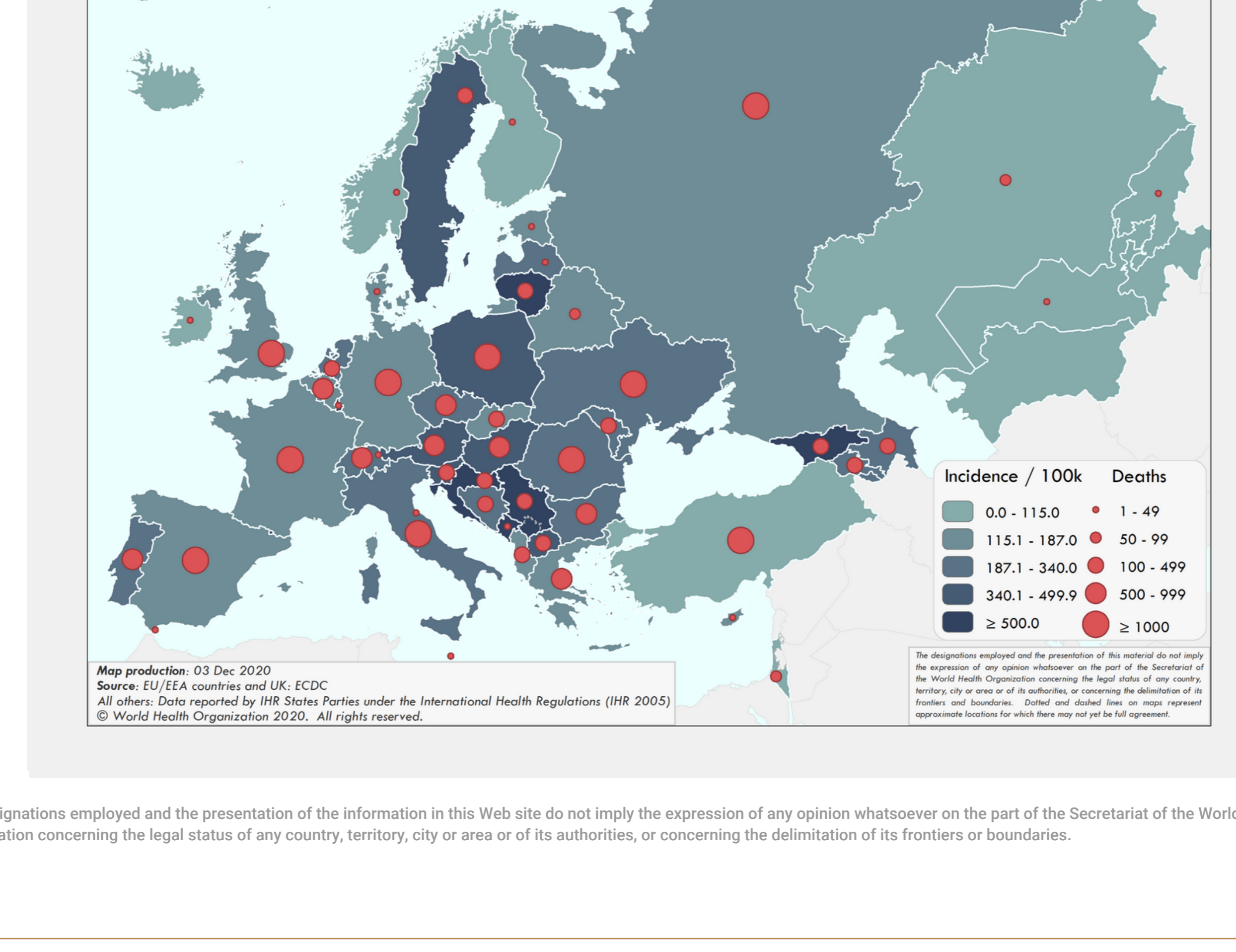


Figure 2B. COVID-19 cumulative incidence per 100,000 population and number of deaths by country

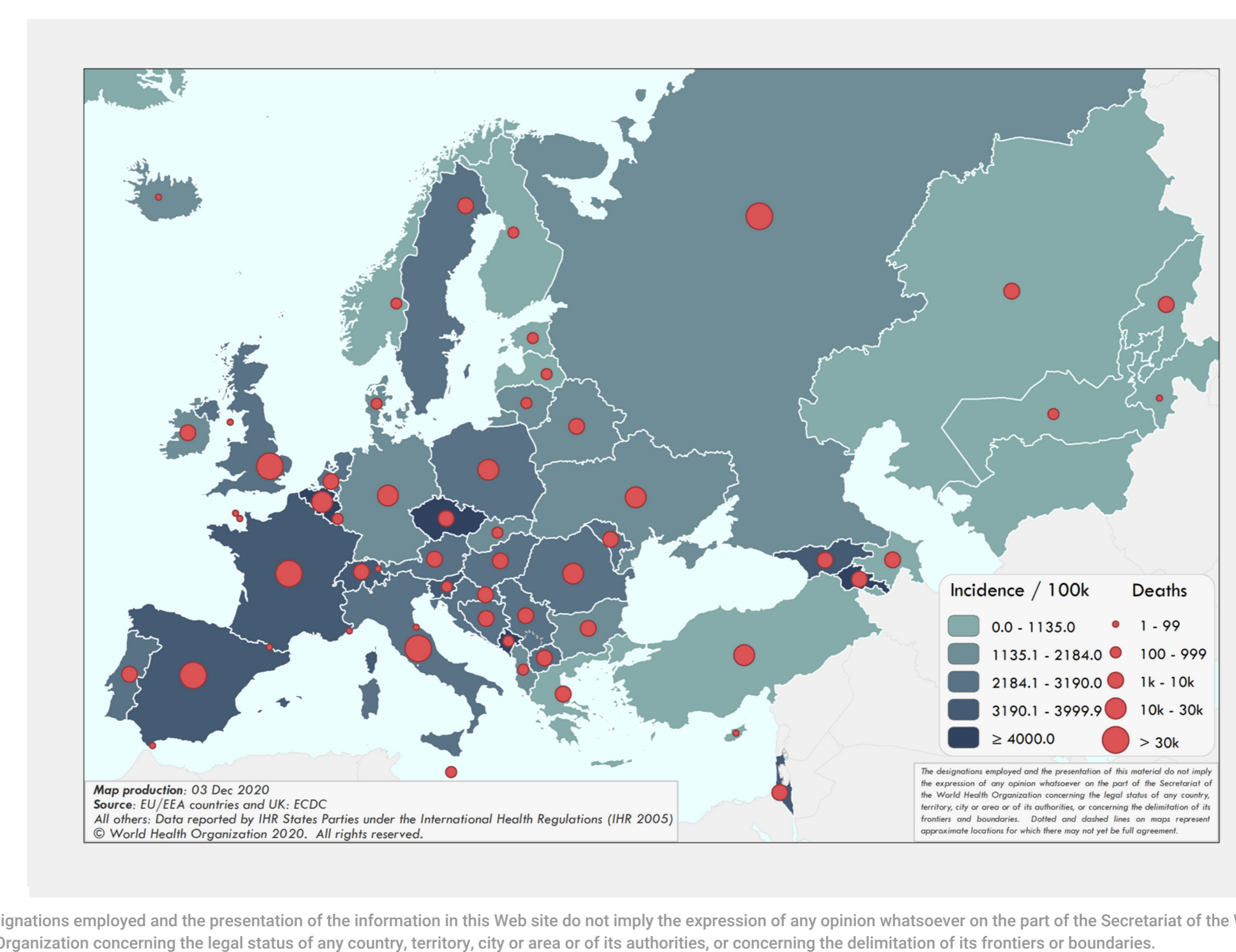


Table 1. Characteristics of COVID-19 deaths

Characteristics	n	%	Total records with data available
Age in years, median (range)	81	(0-109)	147,623
Sex, male	82,324	56	145,963
At least one underlying condition	68,872	96	71,995
● cardiovascular disease	16,910	83	20,471
● diabetes	5,947	61	9,728
● lung disease	2,264	22	10,067
● neurological disease / dementia	2,531	19	12,999
● renal disease	1,176	25	4,800
● obesity	923	12	7,463
● liver disease	839	7	12,356
● immune disease	345	4	7,725

Source: Mortality database (n=147 688)

Figure 3. COVID-19 cases (N=10 674 677) and deaths (N=196 154) by age group and reporting week

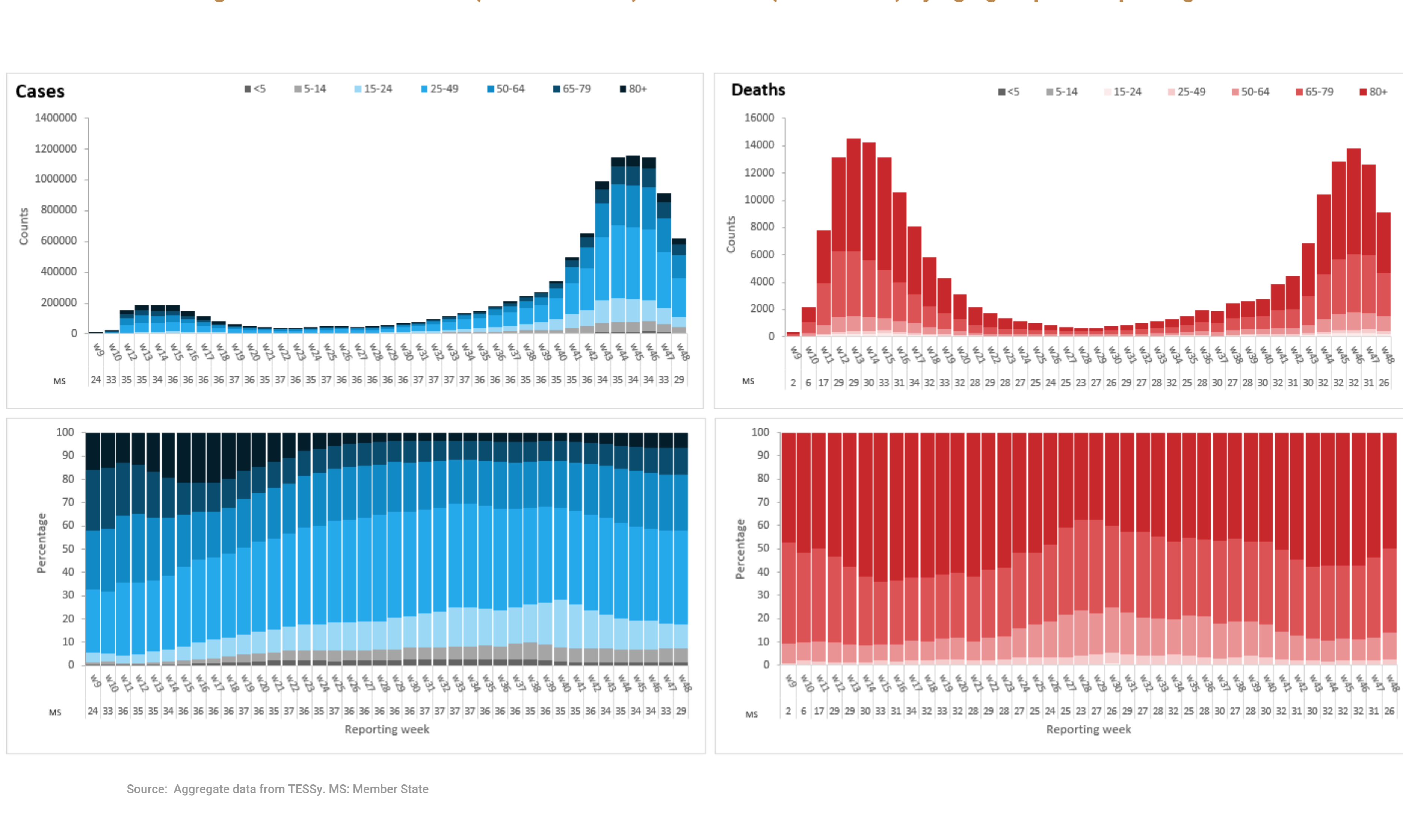


Figure 4. Percentage positive for COVID-19 in the ILI/ARI sentinel surveillance by reporting week

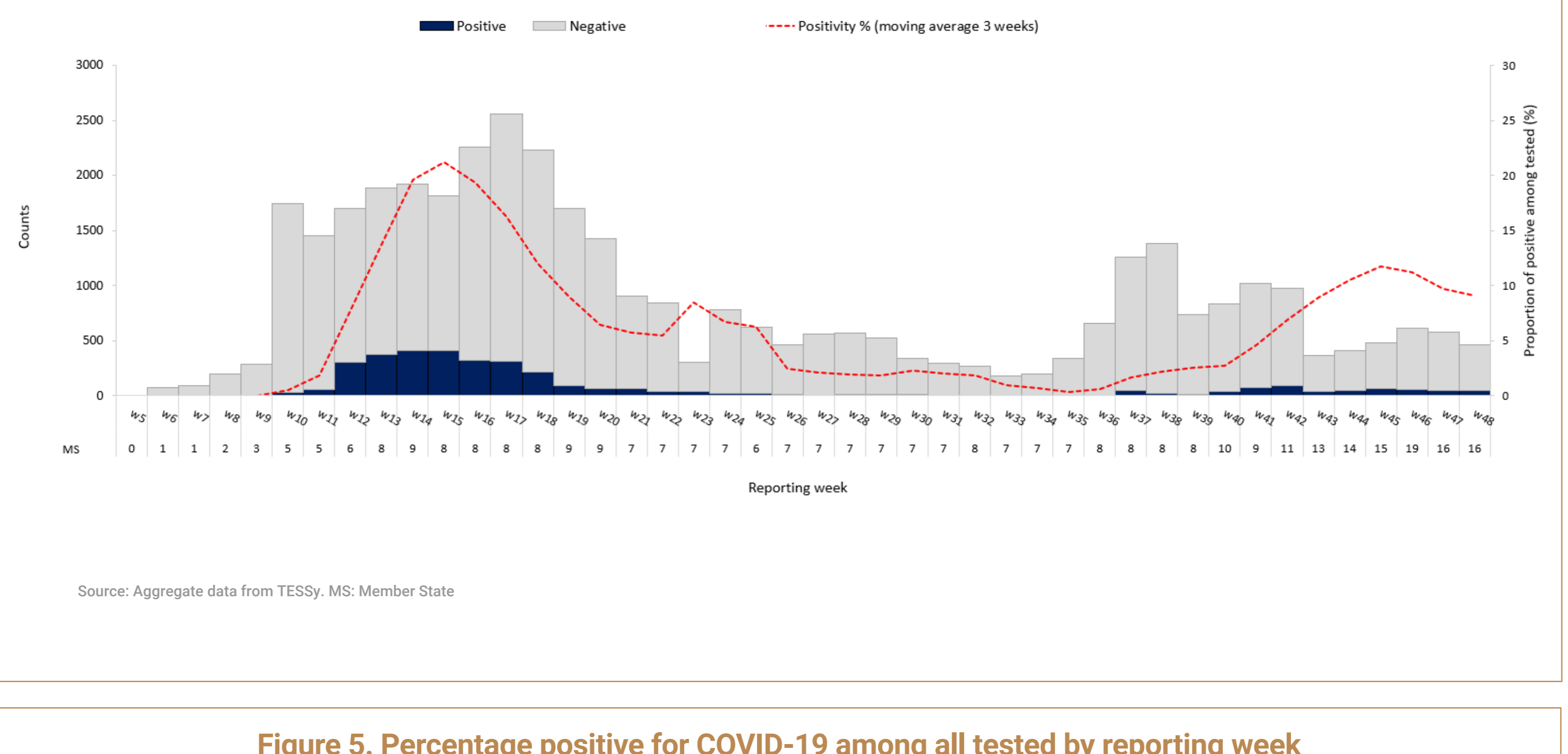


Figure 5. Percentage positive for COVID-19 among all tested by reporting week

