but case numbers also remained high during the second half of the year.

Most chikungunya fever cases were travel related (n=1406), 11 cases— all reported by France—were locally acquired, and for 44 cases the place of infection was unknown. The information is not specified in Sweden (Annex 1). Data reporting is case based and at the national level, with the Netherlands being the only exception.

Twenty countries reported having a compulsory notification system, whereas Belgium and the United Kingdom reported having a voluntary system. Sweden did not report this.

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The European Surveillance System (TESSy) is a system for the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on communicable diseases. EU Member States and EEA countries participate voluntarily in TESSy, and their national surveillance systems report data to TESSy.

In October 2014, an outbreak of 11 confirmed autochthonous chikungunya cases was detected in a district of Montpellier, a town in the south of France, which had been raised in the EU, especially in areas where competent mosquito vectors are present and environmental conditions are suitable for transmission [9].

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