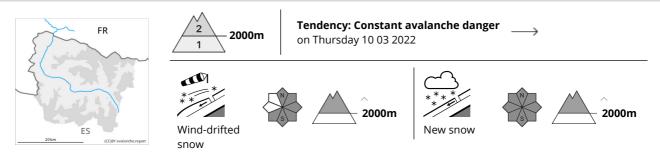




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



New snow and wind slabs represent the main danger.

In all aspects mostly shallow wind slabs formed. Sometimes they are medium-sized and can be released in many cases even by a single winter sport participant. On the peaks and ridges of the divide with the Ribagorçana basin and the Pallaresa basin and at high altitude the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is greater.

In addition especially in places that are protected from the wind, individual small dry loose snow avalanches are possible. These can in some cases be released by a single winter sport participant.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience and a certain restraint.

Snowpack

In particular in the south and in the east 10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell in the last seven days above approximately 1800 m. 5 to 10 cm of snow, but less in some localities, fell during the night above approximately 1800 m. As a consequence of a light to moderate wind, small wind slabs formed during the course of the night in all aspects.

The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are to be found adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. They are lying on unfavourable layers in particular on little used shady slopes and at intermediate and high altitudes.

The old snowpack remains well bonded on sunny slopes.

Above approximately 2000 m there are 100 to 200 cm of snow. At high altitudes and in high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the infuence of the wind.

Tendency

Thursday: Gradual increase in danger of moist avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day. The danger of dry avalanches will decrease during the day.