



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Tendency: Increasing avalanche danger
on Saturday 12 03 2022



Wind-drifted
snow



Wind slabs are to be evaluated with care and prudence.

On northwest, north and northeast facing slopes sometimes easily released wind slabs formed. In isolated cases they are medium-sized and can be released by a single winter sport participant. On the peaks and ridges of the divide with the Ribagorçana basin and the Pallaresa basin and at intermediate and high altitudes the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. These places are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

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

Snowpack

In particular in the south and in the east 20 to 25 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, fell in the last few days above approximately 1800 m. As a consequence of a moderate to strong wind from southwesterly directions, sometimes deep wind slabs formed in particular on northwest, north and northwest facing slopes. They are lying on unfavourable layers 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 influence of the wind.

Tendency

From the late morning as a consequence of new snow and wind there will be an increase in the danger of dry avalanches to level 3 (considerable).