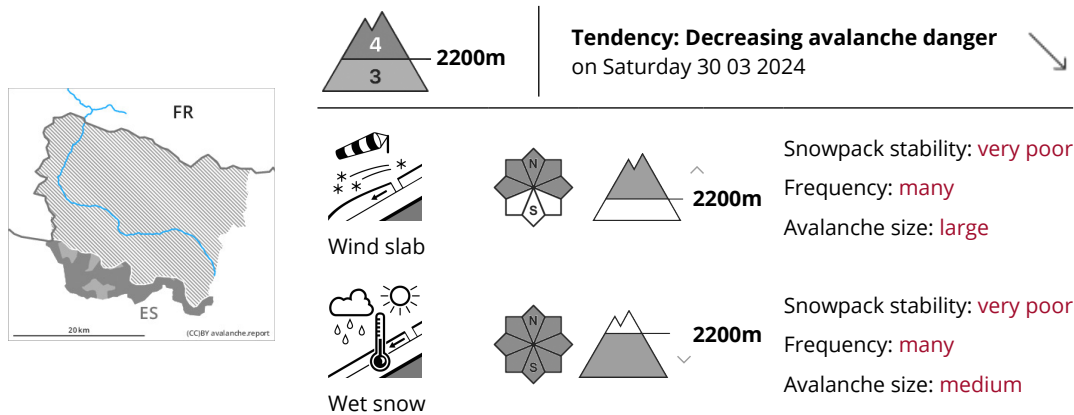


Danger Level 4 - High



As a consequence of new snow and stormy weather a critical avalanche situation will be encountered over a wide area. Moist and wet avalanches as the day progresses.

The deep wind slabs can be released easily or naturally in particular on shady slopes above the tree line. In isolated cases the avalanches are large and in many cases easily released. The avalanche prone locations are to be found especially adjacent to ridgelines above approximately 2200 m and in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The prevalence of such avalanche prone locations will increase as the day progresses.

As the rain becomes heavier, the likelihood of moist avalanches being released will increase quickly in all aspects at low and intermediate altitudes. Mostly the avalanches in these regions are medium-sized. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger. Snow sport activities are to be restricted to controlled terrain.

Snowpack

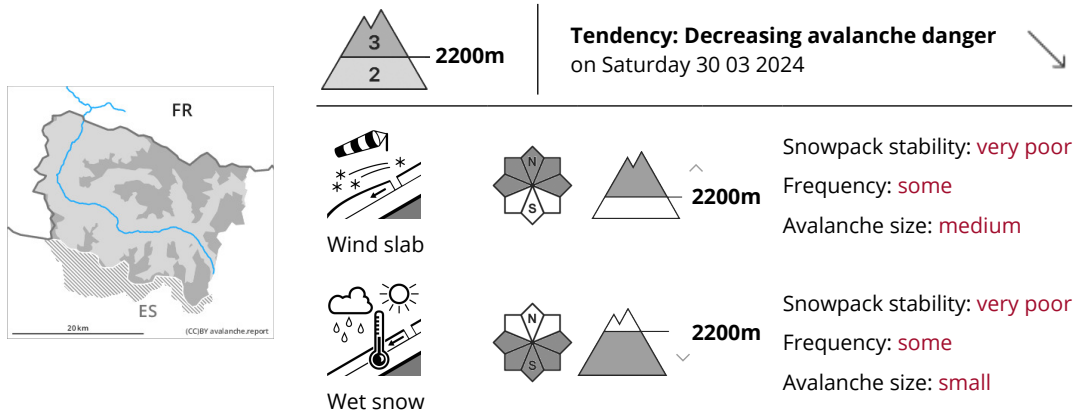
20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Tuesday. In some localities 50 to 80 cm of snow will fall until the evening above approximately 2200 m. The southerly wind will transport the new snow significantly.

The rain will give rise as the day progresses to rapid moistening of the snowpack in all aspects below approximately 2200 m. The new snow and wind slabs have bonded well with the old snowpack in all aspects.

Tendency

Saturday: Gradual decrease in danger of dry and moist avalanches.

Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Fresh wind slabs require caution. Natural moist avalanches as the day progresses.

The sometimes deep wind slabs can be released easily, or in isolated cases naturally, in particular on steep shady slopes above the tree line. In many cases the avalanches are medium-sized. The avalanche prone locations are to be found especially adjacent to ridgelines above approximately 2200 m. The prevalence of such avalanche prone locations will increase as the day progresses.

As the rain becomes heavier, the likelihood of moist avalanches being released will increase quickly in all aspects at low and intermediate altitudes. The avalanches in these regions are rather small.

Defensive route selection is important.

Snowpack

20 to 30 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Tuesday. 10 to 20 cm of snow will fall until the evening above approximately 2200 m. The southerly wind will transport the new snow significantly.

The rain will give rise as the day progresses to rapid moistening of the snowpack in all aspects below approximately 2200 m. The new snow and wind slabs have bonded well with the old snowpack in all aspects.

Tendency

Saturday: Gradual decrease in danger of dry and moist avalanches.