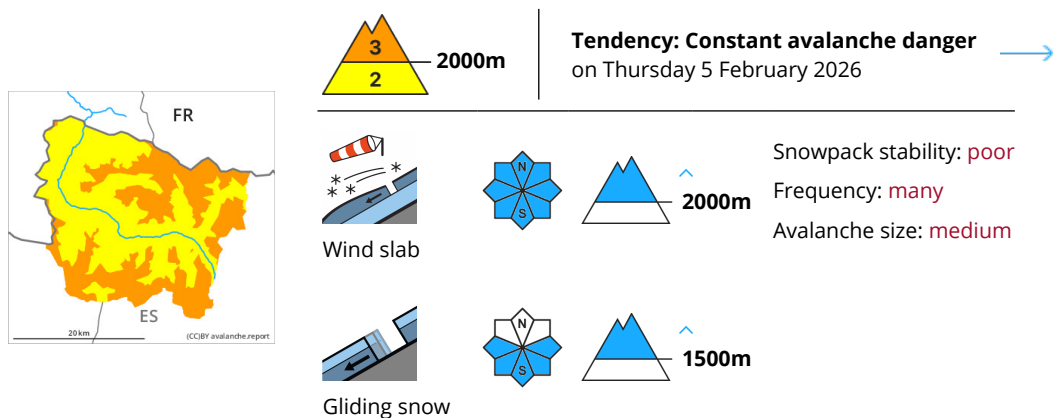


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The fresh and older wind slabs represent the main danger. Gliding avalanches are also to be expected.

As a consequence of a moderate to strong southerly wind, further wind slabs will form in particular in gullies and bowls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily, or in isolated cases naturally, in all aspects. They are covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. Sometimes avalanches are medium-sized. They can in isolated cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size. At the border to Ribagorça and Pallars the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and larger.

During the day: The new snow of yesterday can be released easily or naturally in particular on very steep sunny slopes. They are only small. Gliding avalanches are also to be expected at any time. In some cases these are medium-sized.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Over a wide area 5 to 10 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen above approximately 1800 m. The southerly wind has transported the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. The various wind slabs of the last few days remain in some cases prone to triggering in all aspects and generally at high altitude. As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong southerly wind, further wind slabs will form in the course of the day.

Large-grained weak layers exist in the bottom section of the old snowpack in particular on west, north and east facing slopes. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in areas where the snow cover is rather shallow and in steep rocky terrain. At intermediate altitudes there are 130 to 170 cm of snow, and even more in some localities.



Tendency

Thursday: Further wind slabs will form. Further increase in danger of gliding avalanches and moist snow slides as the moisture increases.