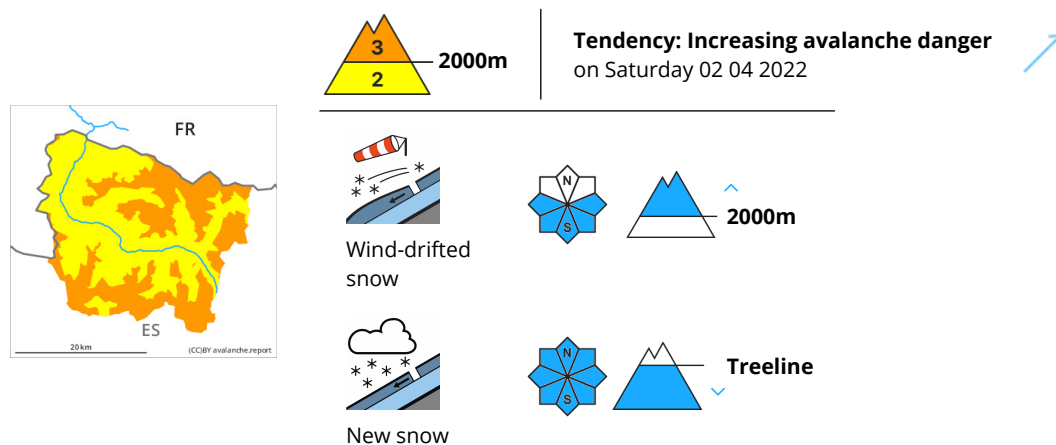


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Wind slabs require caution. The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase as the day progresses. The conditions are dangerous for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities in steep terrain.

The fresh snow and in particular the sometimes deep wind slabs can be released easily or naturally on southeast to south to southwest facing aspects. As a consequence of new snow and strong wind dry slab avalanches are possible from midday, even medium-sized ones. The fresh wind slabs will form especially at the southern and eastern borders of Aran as well as in the high Alpine regions.

In particular on very steep slopes small to medium-sized dry avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of the new snow. This snow can be released by a single winter sport participant in all aspects and generally below the tree line.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and a certain restraint.

Snowpack

15 to 25 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Wednesday above approximately 2000 m. 10 to 15 cm of snow will fall until the evening above approximately 1300 m. The northerly wind will transport the new snow significantly. The wind will be strong to storm force adjacent to ridgelines in particular in the south. The fresh snow as well as the wind slabs are lying on the quite favourable surface of an old snowpack in all aspects.

Tendency

During the course of the night as the snowfall becomes more intense there will be a significant increase in the danger of dry avalanches.