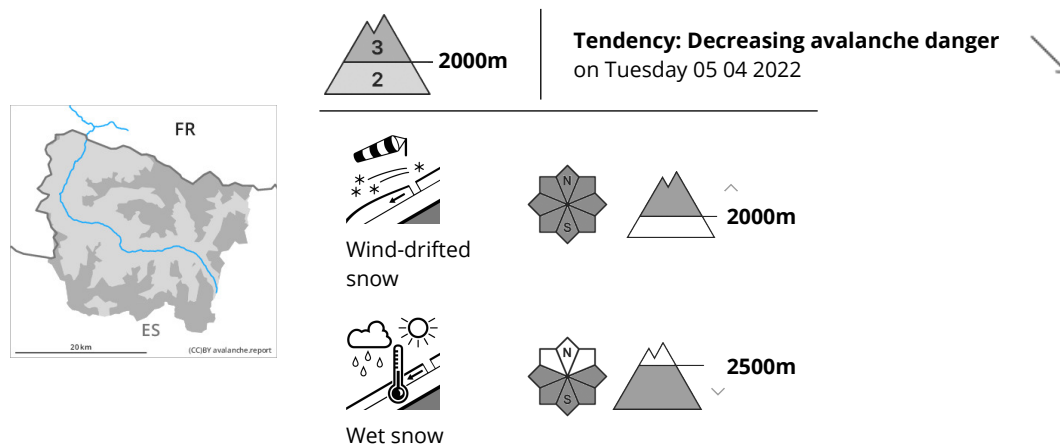




Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Wind slabs at intermediate and high altitudes. The conditions are dangerous for backcountry touring and other off-piste activities in steep terrain.

The wind slabs are in some cases deep and can be released easily. The wind slabs are to be found especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in all aspects and generally at high altitudes. The avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep slopes of all aspects. The sometimes large wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on steep shady slopes. As the day progresses as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation there will be a gradual increase in the danger of wet avalanches. They are rather small and can be released easily in some cases by a single winter sport participant. Individual gliding avalanches can also be released in the morning. Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint.

Snowpack

40 to 60 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Wednesday above approximately 1500 m. The northerly wind has transported the new snow significantly. The fresh snow as well as the sometimes deep wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. Released avalanches and stability tests confirm a very dangerous avalanche situation on shady slopes. During the day: The snowpack will become moist on sunny slopes.

Tendency

Gradual decrease in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.