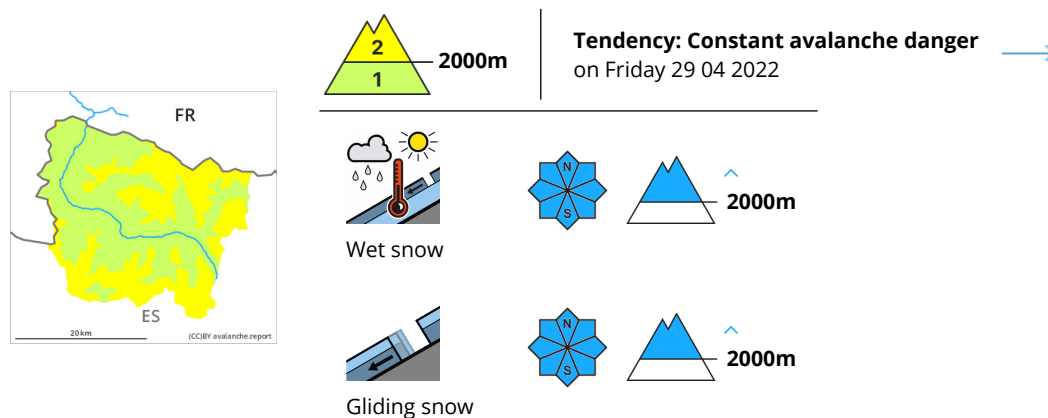


Danger Level 2 - Moderate



As a consequence of heat and rain an unfavourable avalanche situation will be encountered in some localities. Wet and gliding snow require caution.

From origins in starting zones where no previous releases have taken place more moist and wet avalanches are possible as the day progresses, even medium-sized ones. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects and generally at intermediate and high altitudes. Snow sport participants can release avalanches with increasing likelihood. Avalanches can in some cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach medium size. This applies in particular on extremely steep shady slopes and at elevated altitudes, as well as on near-ridge sunny slopes as well as at high altitude.

In addition a latent danger of gliding avalanches exists. The current avalanche situation calls for meticulous route selection. Backcountry tours should be started and concluded early.

Snowpack

As a consequence of high temperatures, rain up to high altitudes and the moderate to strong southerly foehn wind, the snowpack can not consolidate during the next two days. Outgoing longwave radiation during the night will be reduced. Some rain will fall in the next few hours in particular in the southern half of Aran. The surface of the snowpack will freeze very little and will soften quickly. At intermediate altitudes there are 50 to 150 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. In particular on shady slopes as well as above approximately 2200 m there is still a very large amount of snow.

The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information that has been collected in the high Alpine regions, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Tendency

On Friday it will be mostly sunny. Further increase in danger of moist avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.