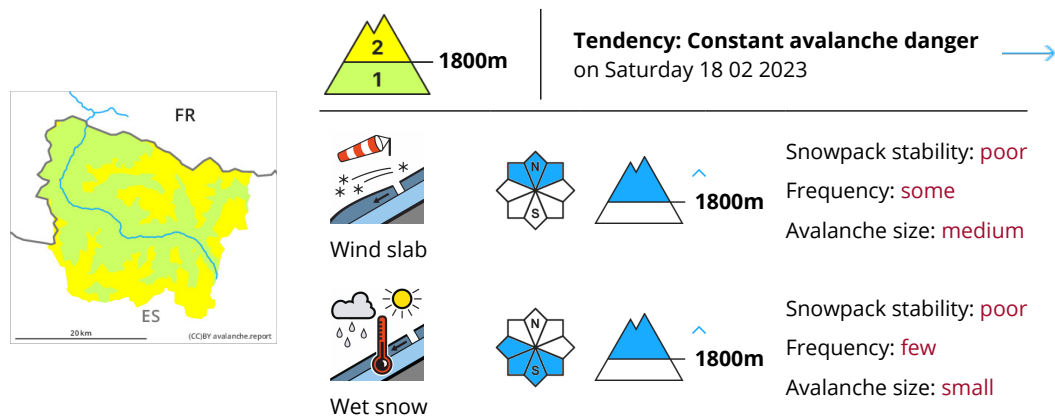




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Wind slabs represent the main danger. At the southern border of Aran an unfavourable avalanche situation will persist in some regions. Wet snow requires caution.

The wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant on steep north, northeast and east facing slopes above approximately 1800 m, especially at their margins. Sometimes the avalanches are medium-sized and in isolated cases easily released. Wind-loaded slopes where hard layers are lying on a weakly bonded old snowpack are especially precarious. In particular at the southern border of Aran the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and the danger is greater.

Also in places that are protected from the wind and shady slopes: The old snowpack is faceted and weak. This snow can be released by a single winter sport participant in isolated cases on extremely steep northeast, north and northwest facing slopes. Here the avalanches are only shallow.

On very steep sunny slopes moist snow slides and avalanches are possible from midday, but they will be mostly small.

Snowpack

The wind slabs are poorly bonded with the old snowpack on shady slopes. Field observations and stability tests confirm the existence of a weak snowpack.

Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise as the day progresses to increasing moistening of the snowpack on very steep sunny slopes. In all regions less snow than usual is lying. At low altitude from a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying. At intermediate and high altitudes there are 50 to 70 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. In high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind.

Tendency

The danger of dry and moist avalanches will persist.