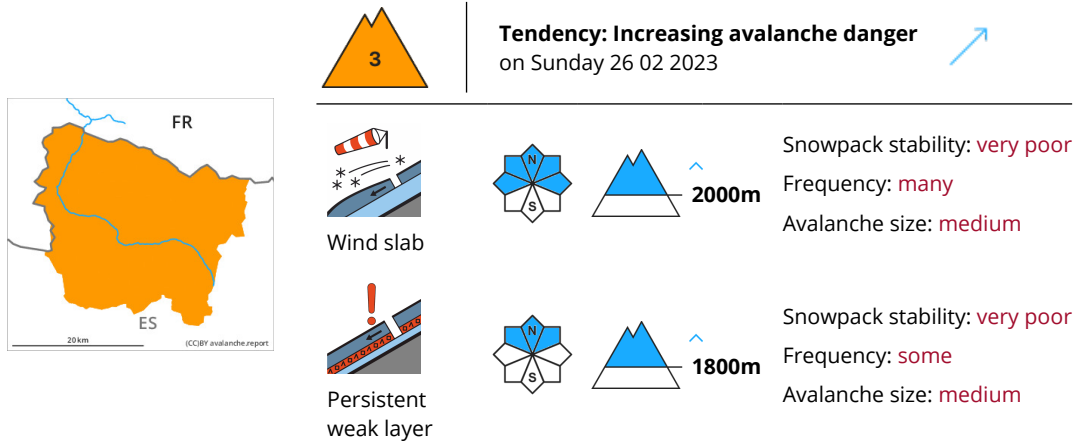


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The fresh wind slabs represent the main danger.

The fresh snow and in particular the wind slabs that are being formed by the southerly wind must be evaluated with care and prudence in particular on steep shady slopes and generally at high altitude. Dry avalanches can be released very easily and reach medium size. The avalanche prone locations are to be found especially adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls and at transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack. In particular on wind-protected shady slopes they can be triggered in the faceted old snow and reach a dangerous size.

Snowpack

20 to 40 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Wednesday above approximately 2000 m. The southerly wind has transported the new snow significantly. Fresh snow and large quantities of wind-drifted snow are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on wind-protected shady slopes. They remain very prone to triggering in particular on very steep, little used shady slopes. On Saturday it will be cloudy. The avalanche prone locations are quite prevalent but are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

In high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind. At intermediate and high altitudes there are 50 to 120 cm of snow, and even more in some localities.

Tendency

Sunday: Further increase in danger of dry avalanches as the snowfall becomes more intense.