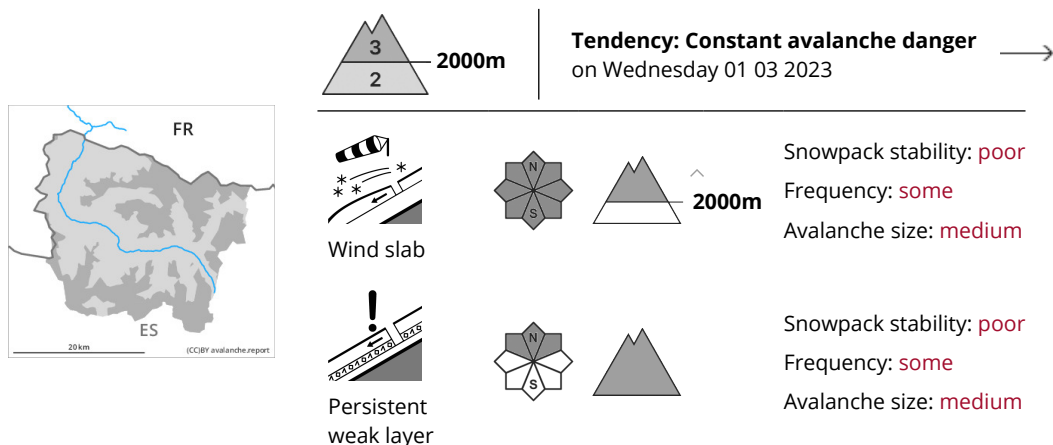


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



Wind slabs and weakly bonded old snow require caution. Outside marked and open pistes an unfavourable avalanche situation will persist.

The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs are to be found adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls in all aspects. They can be released by people and reach medium size. Shady slopes where weaknesses exist in the old snowpack are especially dangerous. The current avalanche situation calls 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. The strong 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. Released avalanches and whumpung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack confirm a very precarious avalanche situation in all aspects.

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

Wednesday: Slight increase in danger of moist avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation. The danger of dry avalanches will decrease gradually.