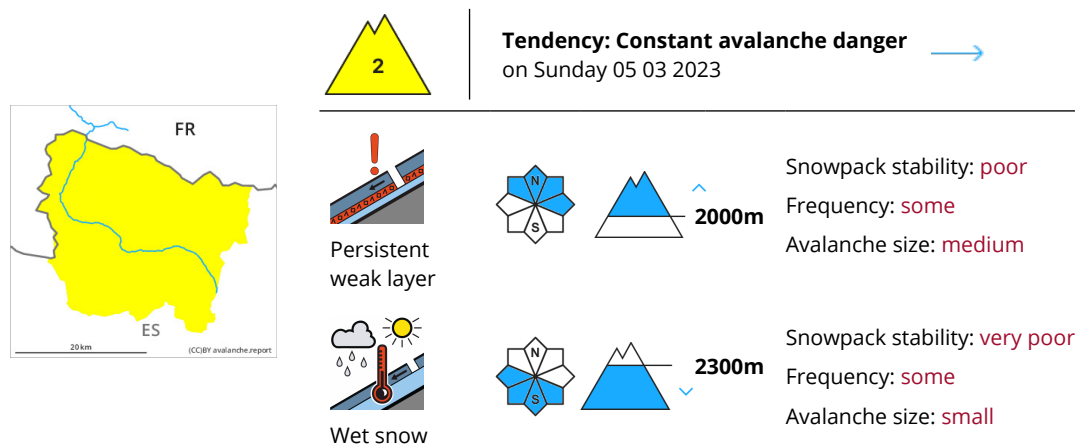




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



Weakly bonded old snow on shady slopes. Moist snow slides and gliding avalanches are to be expected from the middle of the day.

The old wind slabs of last week are lying on weak layers on north, northeast and east facing slopes and generally at intermediate and high altitudes. Sometimes the avalanches in these locations are medium-sized. These can as before be released by people. Transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack where weaknesses exist in the old snowpack are especially precarious. These avalanche prone locations are covered with new snow and are therefore difficult to recognise. The avalanche danger in particular in little used backcountry terrain is within the upper range of danger level 2 (moderate).

Very steep sunny slopes: Below approximately 2300 m small gliding avalanches and moist snow slides are possible.

The current avalanche situation calls for careful route selection.

Snowpack

Shady slopes: In its middle, the snowpack consists of faceted crystals; its surface consists of loosely bonded snow.

Sunny slopes: Sunshine and high temperatures will give rise from the middle of the day to increasing moistening of the snowpack on steep slopes.

At intermediate and high altitudes there are 60 to 120 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. On steep sunny slopes at low and intermediate altitudes hardly any snow is lying.

Tendency

Sunday: The danger of dry and moist avalanches will persist.