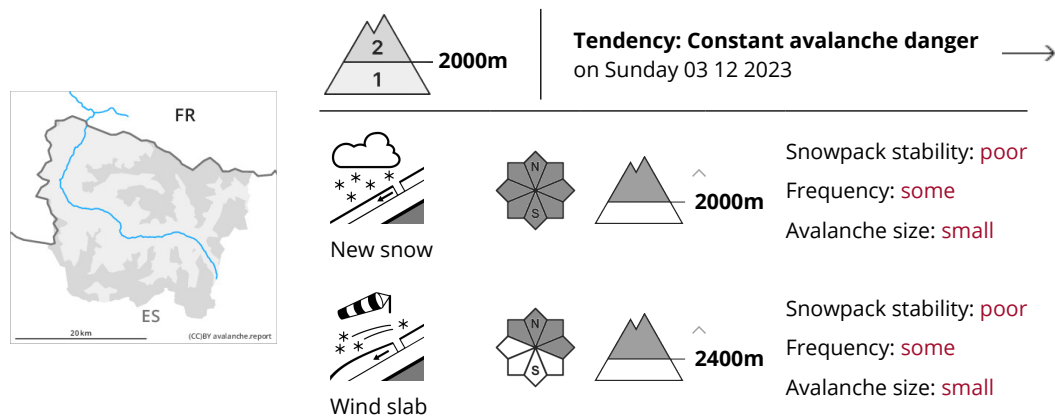




Danger Level 2 - Moderate



New snow in all aspects. Old wind slabs at elevated altitudes.

The cold fresh snow and the wind slabs formed by the southerly wind can be released in some cases in all aspects. The avalanche prone locations for dry avalanches are to be found in particular on very steep slopes and on wind-protected slopes. The wind slabs have formed in particular in the vicinity of peaks. These will be covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise. The dry avalanches are rather small. Even a small avalanche can sweep people along and give rise to falls.

The Avalanche Warning Service currently has only a small amount of information about the snowpack, so that the avalanche danger should be investigated especially thoroughly in the relevant locality.

Snowpack

Up to high altitudes rain has fallen since Thursday. The rain gave rise to extreme moistening of the snowpack in all aspects in all altitude zones. As a consequence of sharply falling temperatures the snowpack will consolidate at the weekend. 5 to 10 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall until Saturday in all altitude zones. The light wind will transport only a little snow.

Above approximately 2000 m there are 15 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities. Snow depths vary greatly at intermediate and high altitudes, depending on the influence of the wind. At low altitude from a snow sport perspective, insufficient snow is lying.

Tendency

Saturday: Slight increase in danger of moist avalanches as a consequence of warming during the day and solar radiation.