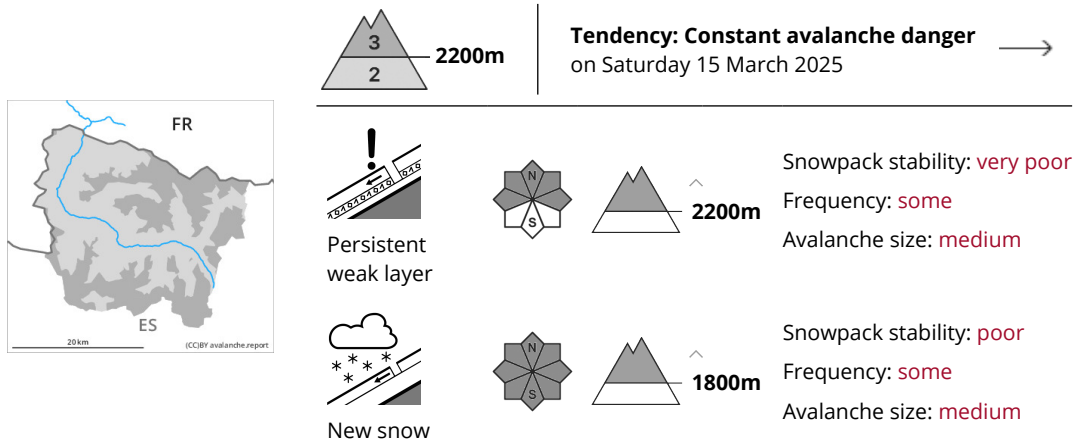


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow, wind slabs and old snow require caution.

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days can be released easily, or, in isolated cases naturally in particular on steep shady slopes above approximately 2200 m. Avalanche prone weak layers exist in the snowpack in particular on steep shady slopes. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack and fresh avalanches are a clear indication of a weakly bonded snowpack. These avalanche prone locations are sometimes covered with new snow and are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

As a consequence of the precipitation dry avalanches are possible as the day progresses, but they can reach medium size in some cases. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in particular in steep terrain at intermediate and high altitudes and in places that are protected from the wind.

Snowpack

In particular in the south 10 to 15 cm of snow fell in the last two days above approximately 1800 m. Over a wide area 10 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall until Saturday above approximately 1000 m. The wind will be light to moderate adjacent to ridgelines.

Over a wide area new snow and wind slabs are lying on old snow containing large grains. The various wind slabs have bonded poorly with the old snowpack.

Tendency

Saturday: Slight decrease in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of the ceasing of precipitation.