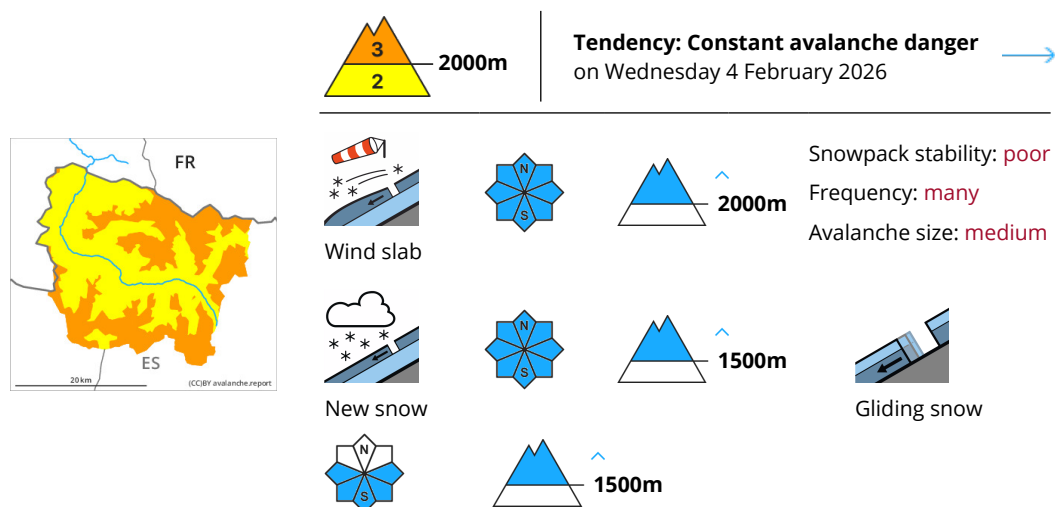


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow and wind slabs require caution. Gliding avalanches are also to be expected.

As a consequence of a sometimes strong southerly wind, further wind slabs formed in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas. The fresh and somewhat older wind slabs can be released easily, or in isolated cases naturally, in all aspects. They will be covered with new snow and therefore difficult to recognise. In many cases avalanches are medium-sized. They can in isolated cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size. At the border to Ribagorça and Pallars the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent and larger.

During the day: The new snow can be released easily or naturally in particular on very steep sunny slopes.

Gliding avalanches are also to be expected at any time.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

In particular in the south 5 to 10 cm of snow has fallen thus far above approximately 2000 m. The southerly wind has transported the new snow and, in some cases, old snow as well. The hard wind slabs of the last few days remain in some cases prone to triggering in particular on very steep west, north and east facing slopes and generally at high altitude.

A great many small and medium-sized gliding avalanches and wet snow slides have been released as the penetration by moisture increases. As a consequence of falling temperatures, the natural avalanche activity will gradually increase.



Evening and night: 10 to 15 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, will fall. The wind will transport only a little snow.

Large-grained weak layers exist in the bottom section of the old snowpack in particular on west, north and east facing slopes. At intermediate altitudes there are 130 to 170 cm of snow, and even more in some localities.

Tendency

Wednesday: Further wind slabs will form. Further increase in danger of gliding avalanches and moist snow slides as a consequence of warming.