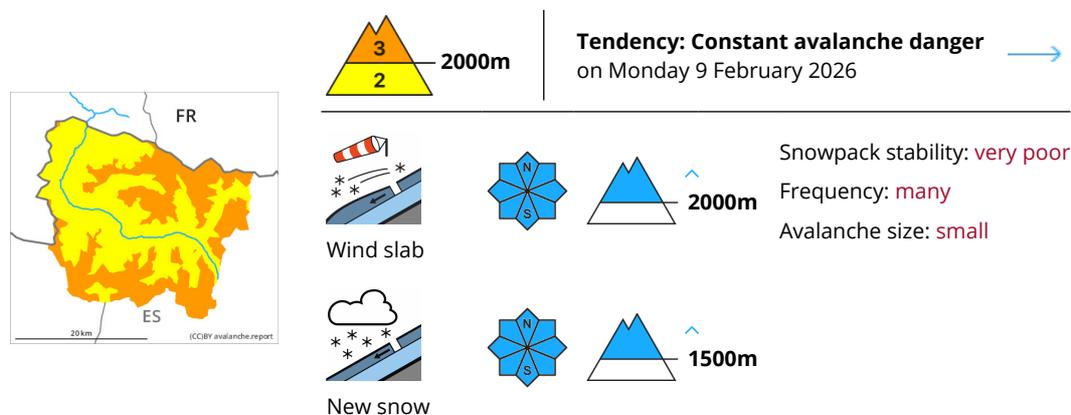




Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow and wind slabs as the day progresses.

The cold fresh snow and the mostly small wind slabs that are forming during the snowfall can be released easily or naturally in all aspects. The somewhat older wind slabs of the last few days can still be released in some cases. They are covered with new snow and therefore barely recognisable. Sometimes avalanches are medium-sized. In particular very steep shady slopes areas where the snow cover is rather shallow: Dry avalanches can in isolated cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach dangerously large size.

Extremely steep slopes: As a consequence of the new snow dry snow slides are possible. In addition a latent danger of gliding avalanches exists.

The current avalanche situation calls for experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and restraint. The avalanche prone locations are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

Snowpack

In particular in the south and in the east 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Monday. The sometimes strong wind has transported the new snow. The various wind slabs of the last few days remain in some cases prone to triggering at elevated altitudes.

On Sunday it will be cold. Some snow will fall from late morning in particular at the southern border of Aran. The moderate wind will transport the new snow. The new snow and wind slabs will be deposited on soft layers at intermediate and high altitudes.

The covering of new snow is weak; its surface is loosely bonded and consists of surface hoar and faceted crystals. Large-grained weak layers exist in the bottom section of the old snowpack in particular on west, north and east facing slopes. Areas where the snow cover is rather shallow where hard layers are lying on a weakly bonded old snowpack are especially precarious. At intermediate altitudes there are 120 to 200 cm of snow, and even more in some localities.



Tendency

Some snow will fall on Sunday in particular in the north. Further increase in danger of dry avalanches as a consequence of the sometimes strong wind.