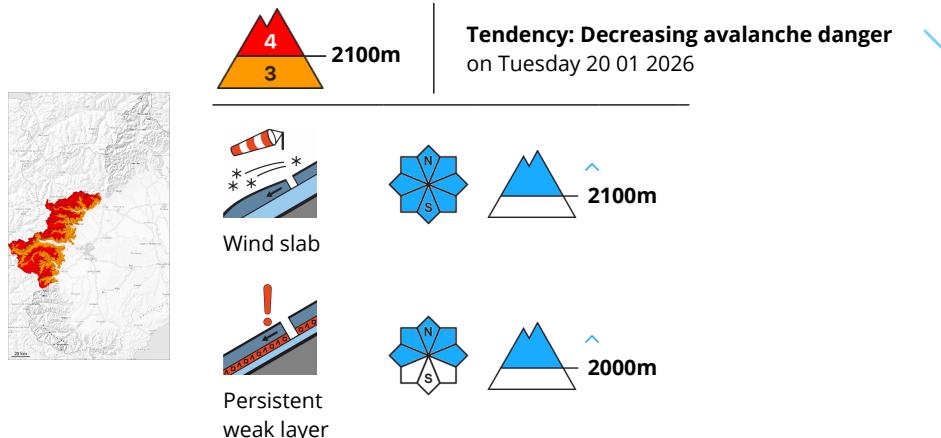


Danger Level 4 - High



On wind-loaded slopes a dangerous avalanche situation will prevail. It is inadvisable to engage in backcountry touring in steep terrain.

In particular in the vicinity of peaks and in gullies and bowls medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large slab avalanches are to be expected as a consequence of the easterly wind. Additionally avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach large size.

Avalanches can in many places be released, even by a single winter sport participant. Remotely triggered and natural avalanches are probable.

Whumping sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication of a weakly bonded snowpack.

The current avalanche situation calls for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

40 to 70 cm of snow has fallen since Friday above approximately 1800 m.

At elevated altitudes snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind. Adjacent to ridgelines and in pass areas as well as above the tree line large wind slabs formed.

The new snow is lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack in particular on shady slopes. In these regions the snowfall level rose to approximately 1500 m.

Reports filed by observers indicate the significant avalanche danger in particular above the tree line.

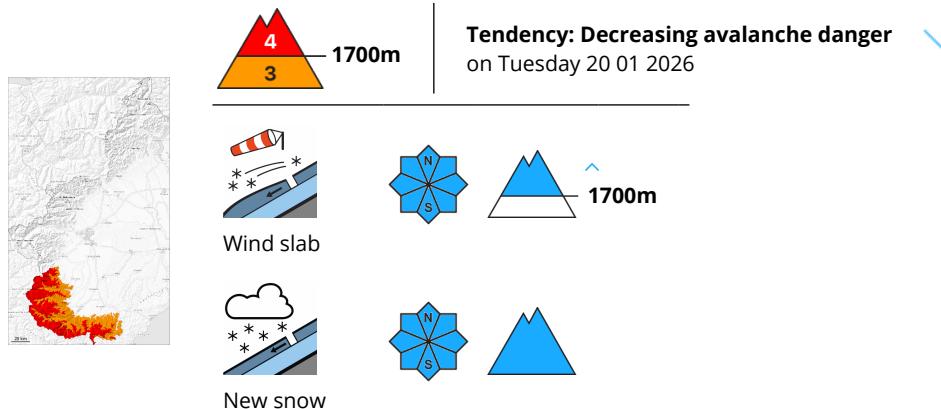
Tendency



On Tuesday it will be sunny at times. Once the intense snowfall has ended, the natural avalanche activity will gradually decrease.



Danger Level 4 - High



The snowpack will be unstable at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions. It is inadvisable to engage in backcountry touring in steep terrain.

In the typical avalanche paths the avalanches can reach fairly large size.

In particular in the vicinity of peaks and on steep slopes medium-sized and, in many cases, large slab avalanches are possible as a consequence of the northeasterly wind,, also in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Additionally avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach large size.

Whumping sounds and shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication.

Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant. Remotely triggered and natural avalanches are probable.

The avalanche prone locations are prevalent and are barely recognisable because of the poor visibility.

The conditions are unfavourable for backcountry touring outside marked and open pistes. The current avalanche situation calls for extensive experience in the assessment of avalanche danger and careful route selection.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

40 to 60 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Friday above approximately 1600 m.

As a consequence of new snow and a moderate to strong wind, sometimes large wind slabs formed since Friday in gullies and bowls and behind abrupt changes in the terrain as well as above the tree line.

The new snow is lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes.

Especially at high altitudes and in high Alpine regions snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind.

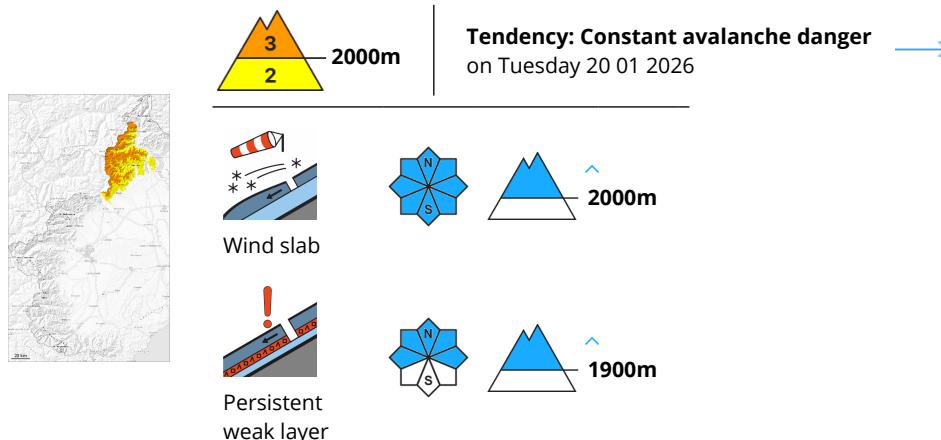


Tendency

Tuesday: Some snow will fall in the late morning. Once the intense snowfall has ended, the avalanche activity will gradually decrease.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow and wind slabs: Slab avalanches are the main danger.

The southeasterly wind has transported the new snow.

In particular in the vicinity of peaks and in gullies and bowls small and medium-sized slab avalanches are possible. Additionally in some places avalanches can also be released in the old snowpack and reach quite a large size.

Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant or triggered naturally.

Whumping sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack are a clear indication of a weakly bonded snowpack.

The wind slabs are to be avoided in particular in steep terrain. Careful route selection and spacing between individuals are recommended.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

Monday: Down to low altitudes snow will fall in some regions.

At elevated altitudes snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind. In particular in the vicinity of peaks hardly any snow is lying.

Adjacent to ridgelines on north, northeast and east facing slopes hard wind slabs formed.

The new snow and wind slabs of the last few days are lying on top of a weakly bonded old snowpack. The wind slabs of last week are covered with new snow in some cases and therefore difficult to recognise.

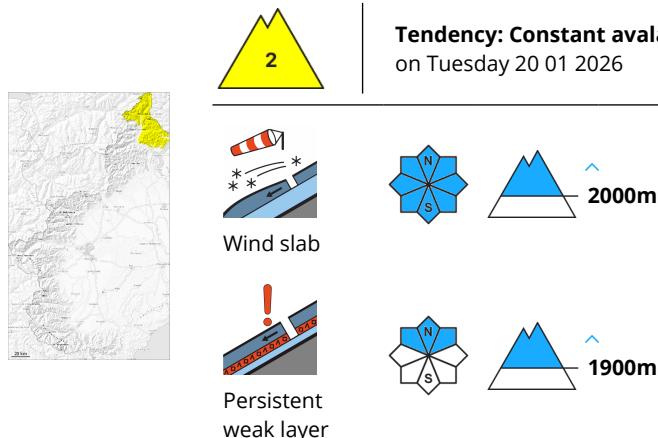
Tendency



The avalanche danger will persist.



Danger Level 2 - Moderate



New snow and wind slabs represent the main danger.

Light snowfall to low altitudes.

Wind slabs are to be found in particular adjacent to ridgelines and in gullies and bowls. They can be released, even by a single winter sport participant and reach medium size.

Avalanches can in isolated cases be triggered in the old snowpack and reach large size in isolated cases in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation.

The wind slabs of the last few days are to be avoided in particular in steep terrain. Maintaining distances between individuals and one-at-a-time descents are recommended.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

dp.1: deep persistent weak layer

Monday: Some snow will fall.

More recent wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes.

Intermediate and high altitudes: Large-grained weak layers exist in the snowpack on steep shady slopes.

Snow depths vary greatly, depending on the influence of the wind. Towards its surface, the snowpack is not homogeneous, and its surface has a crust that is strong in many cases.

Tendency

The avalanche danger will persist.

