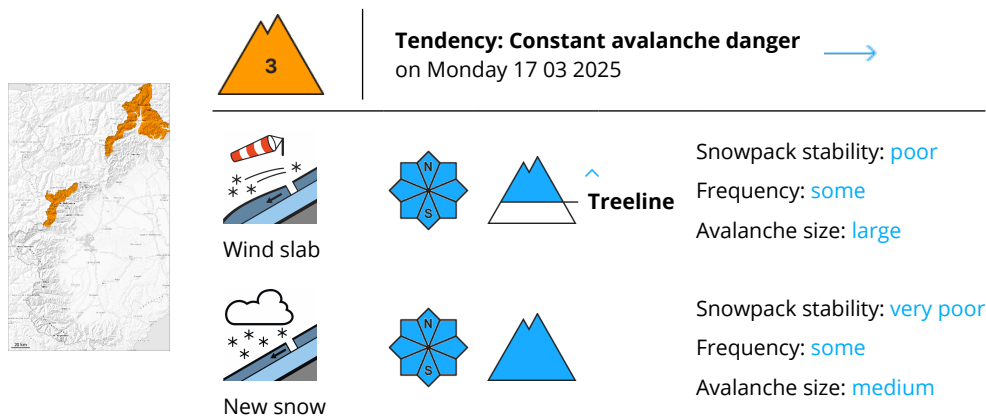


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



The new snow and wind slabs represent the main danger. The wind slabs of the last few days are covered with new snow and therefore difficult to recognise.

In starting zones where no previous releases have taken place and on wind-loaded slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large avalanches are possible.

Avalanches can be released, even by a single winter sport participant, in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Whumpfung sounds and natural avalanches serve as an alarm sign. Caution is to be exercised in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation.

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

As a consequence of solar radiation numerous small and medium-sized dry and moist avalanches are possible, especially in steep rocky terrain, and on sunny slopes.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area over a wide area 40 to 80 cm of snow has fallen since Monday above approximately 1800 m. The sometimes strong wind has transported some snow. This situation gave rise to unfavourable bonding of the snowpack over a wide area.

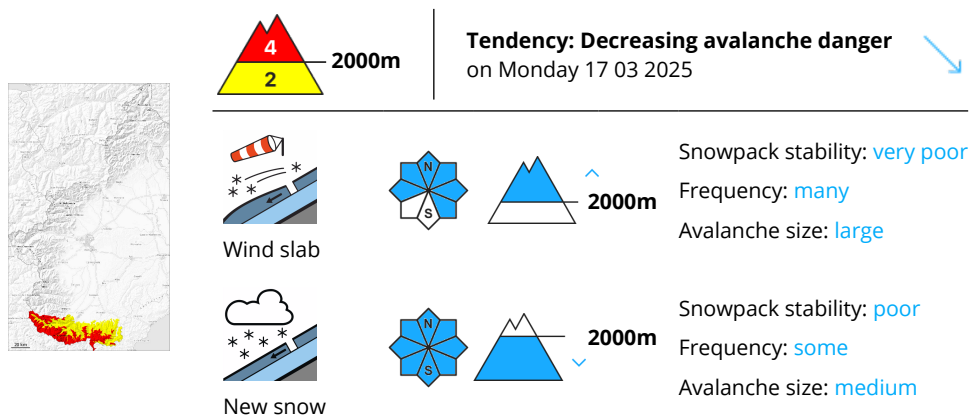
New snow and wind slabs are lying on a weakly bonded old snowpack, in particular on shady slopes. Large-grained weak layers exist in the snowpack on shady slopes.

Tendency

On Monday it will be mostly sunny. The avalanche danger will persist.



Danger Level 4 - High



Restraint is advisable on this first sunny day.

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

On wind-loaded slopes and in the regions exposed to precipitation more large and, in isolated cases, very large avalanches are possible in starting zones where no previous releases have taken place. On steep shady slopes the avalanches can be released in deep layers of the snowpack.

The new snow and wind slabs can be released easily, even by a single winter sport participant,, especially in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain.

The avalanche prone locations are covered with new snow and are difficult to recognise. Whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack serve as an alarm sign. Remotely triggered avalanches are possible.

Ski touring and other off-piste activities, including snowshoe hiking, call for experience and great restraint. As a consequence of solar radiation numerous medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large dry and moist avalanches are possible, especially in steep rocky terrain, as well as on sunny slopes.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area over a wide area 60 to 100 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen since Monday above approximately 1600 m. Large quantities of fresh snow and the wind-drifted snow are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack in particular on shady slopes above approximately 2100 m.

Naturally triggered avalanches and whumpfung sounds and the formation of shooting cracks when stepping on the snowpack indicate a dangerous avalanche situation in particular on wind-loaded slopes. Faceted weak layers exist in the bottom section of the snowpack on shady slopes.

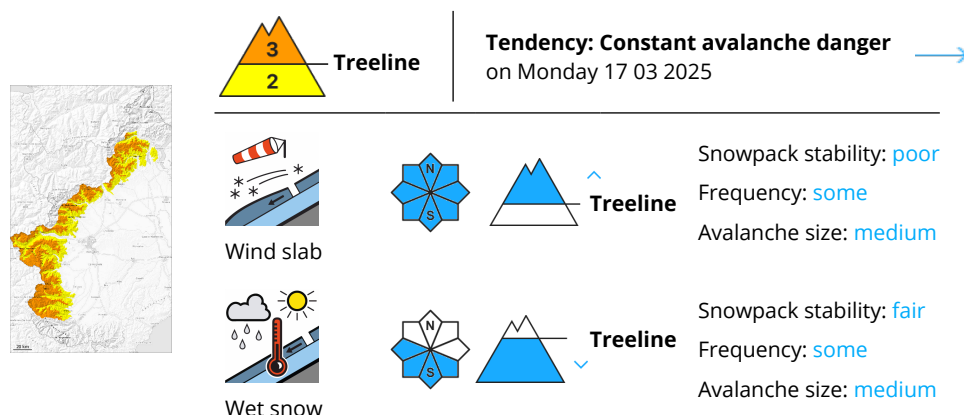


Tendency

On Monday it will be mostly sunny. The natural avalanche activity will gradually decrease.



Danger Level 3 - Considerable



New snow and wind slabs at intermediate and high altitudes. Increase in danger of dry and moist avalanches as a consequence of solar radiation.

On steep slopes medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large avalanches are possible. As a consequence of solar radiation, the avalanche activity will increase.

The new snow and wind slabs can be released by a single winter sport participant, in particular in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. Caution is to be exercised in particular in the regions exposed to heavier precipitation.

The avalanche prone locations are covered with new snow and are difficult to recognise.

Backcountry touring and other off-piste activities call for defensive route selection. Whumpfung sounds and natural avalanches serve as an alarm sign.

Snowpack

Danger patterns

dp.6: cold, loose snow and wind

Over a wide area over a wide area 50 to 80 cm of snow has fallen since Monday above approximately 1900 m. The sometimes strong wind has transported some snow.

New snow and wind slabs are lying on a weakly bonded old snowpack, in particular on shady slopes. Large-grained weak layers exist in the snowpack on shady slopes.

Tendency

On Monday it will be mostly sunny. The avalanche danger will persist.

