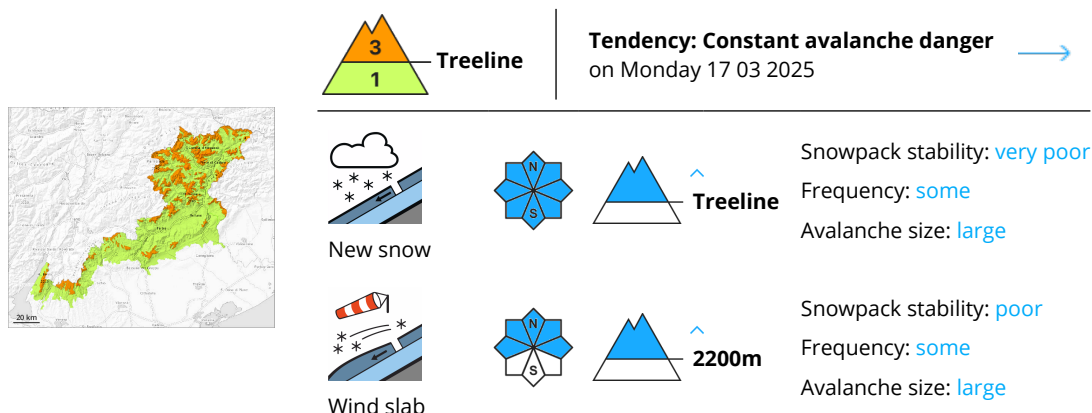


Danger Level 3 - Considerable



As a consequence of new snow and wind a considerable avalanche danger will prevail.

Over a wide area 15 to 20 cm of snow, and even more in some localities, has fallen above approximately 1900 m. In some regions 15 to 20 cm of snow will fall in the next few hours above approximately 2000 m. Gradual increase in avalanche danger as a consequence of new snow and wind. Avalanches can occur easily or triggered naturally. This applies even in case of a small load. The avalanche prone locations are to be found in all aspects above approximately 2000 m and in gullies and bowls, and behind abrupt changes in the terrain. In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation caution is to be exercised in particular at the base of rock walls. Wind-loaded slopes where weaknesses exist in the old snowpack are unfavourable. At transitions from a shallow to a deep snowpack, when entering gullies and bowls for example the avalanche prone locations are more prevalent. In the regions exposed to heavier precipitation the avalanche situation is dangerous. Medium-sized and, in isolated cases, large avalanches are possible. The snow sport conditions outside marked and open pistes are dangerous. Careful route selection and spacing between individuals are recommended.

Snowpack

The snowpack will be moist below approximately 2000 m.

The new snow and wind slabs are lying on the unfavourable surface of an old snowpack on steep shady slopes above approximately 2000 m. The fresh wind slabs will be covered with new snow and therefore difficult to recognise.

Tendency

The prevalence of avalanche prone locations and likelihood of triggering will increase with altitude.

