Proposal of the updated European Avalanche Danger Scale

Technical Description	Danger Level	Signal Word	Color	Icons for Danger Level	Avalanche Conditions	Travel Advice	Avalanche Occurrence	Avalanche Size and Impact	Recommendations for public safety authorities
Natural avalanches occur in many locations. Avalanches can be very large and extremely large.	5	Extreme	HEX: #800000 RGB: 128 0 0 CMYK: 0 100 100 50		Extraordinary avalanche conditions.	Avoid all avalanche terrain	Natural avalanches are widely expected to occur.	Avalanches can have catastrophic effects on infrastructure and potentially on entire villages.	Extreme situation. Take action! Buildings, roads and other infrastructure are at risk; unprecedented impact outside known avalanche paths is possible. Evacuations, access restrictions and other safety measures are often required; consult your intervention plans. Provide clear and actionable orders to the public.
Avalanches can be triggered by people in many locations. Natural avalanches occur in some or many locations. Avalanches can be large or very large.	4	High	HEX: #ff0000 RGB: 255 0 0 CMYK: 0 100 100 0		Very critical avalanche conditions.	Travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended.	Avalanches can easily be triggered in many places. Natural avalanches can occur in many places.	Avalanches can be large enough to kill people and can sometimes be large enough to destroy infrastructure.	Severe situation. Be prepared. Exposed roads, other infrastructure, and occasionally buildings may be at risk. Evacuations, access restrictions and other safety measures are sometimes required; consult your intervention plans. Provide clear and actionable orders to the public as needed.
Avalanches can be triggered by people in some [or many] locations. Natural avalanches can occur in nearly no to some locations. Avalanches can be medium-sized or large.	3	Considerable	HEX: #ff9900 RGB: 255 153 0 CMYK: 0 40 100 0		Critical avalanche conditions.	Cautious route-finding and conservative decision-making are essential.	Avalanches can easily be triggered in some places. Natural avalanches can occur in some places.	Avalanches can be large enough to kill people and can sometimes be large enough to damage a small building.	Awareness situation. Be aware. Occasionally, exposed roads and other infrastructure may be at risk. Safety measures are occasionally required.
Avalanches can be triggered by people in a few [or some] locations. There are typically nearly no or at most a few locations where natural avalanches can occur. Avalanches can be medium-sized.	2	Moderate	HEX: #ffff00 RGB: 255 255 0 CMYK: 0 0 100 0		Avalanche conditions require caution.	Evaluate snow and terrain carefully and identify features of concern.	Avalanches can be triggered in a few places. Natural avalanches can occur in a few places.	Avalanches can be large enough to carry and sometimes be large enough to bury and kill a person.	Normal situation. Stay informed. Generally, safety measures are not needed. Regular assessment of the situation is recommended.
There are nearly no [or at most a few] locations where avalanches can be triggered by people or occur naturally. [Stability is often fair or good.] Avalanches are generally small but can be medium-sized.	1	Low	HEX: #ccff66 RGB: 204 255 102 CMYK: 20 0 60 0		Generally safe avalanche conditions.	Watch for unstable snow in high consequence terrain.	Avalanches can be triggered in rare circumstances. Natural avalanches are not expected to occur.	Avalanches are expected to carry and can sometimes be large enough to bury and potentially kill a person.	Normal situation. Stay informed. No safety measures are needed. Regular assessment of the situation is recommended.

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