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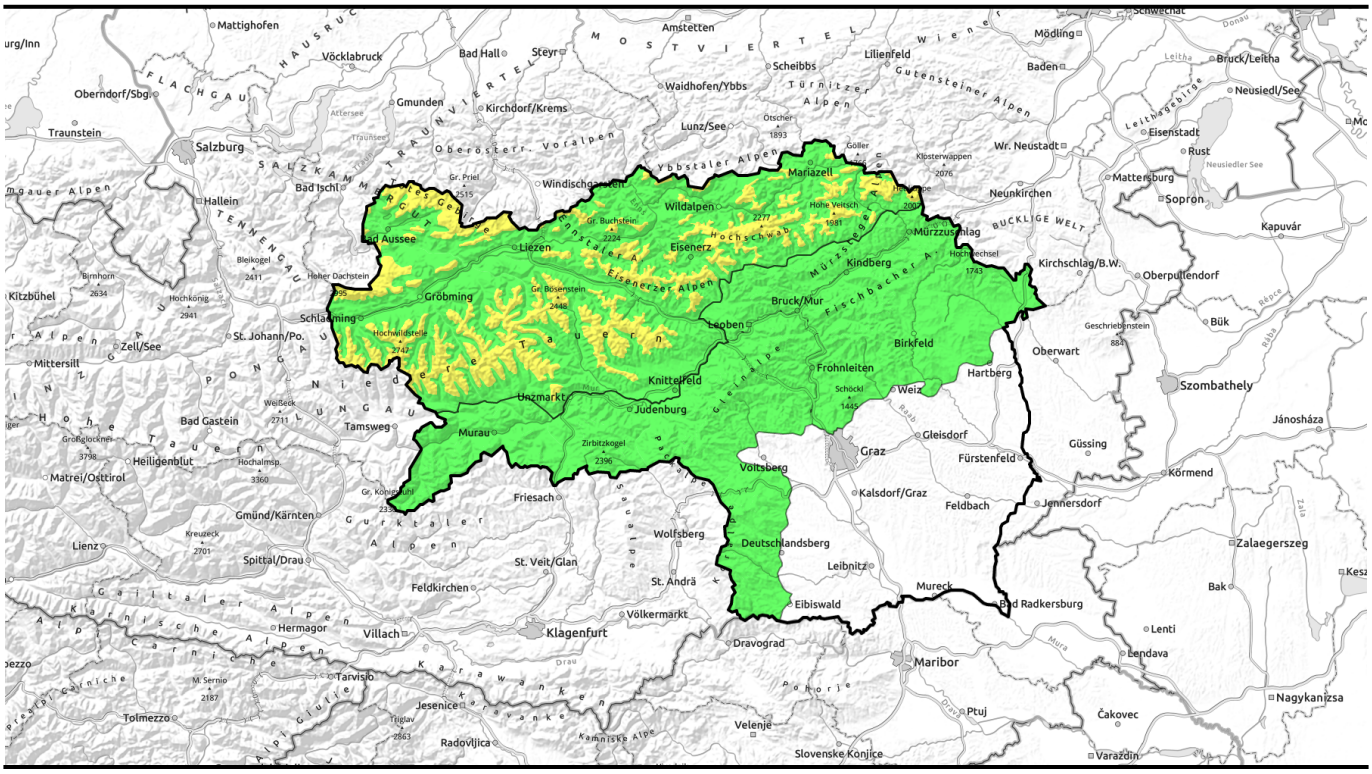

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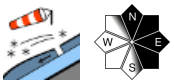
1	Gurktaler Alpen, Seetaler Alpen, Stub- und Gleinalpe, Westliche Fischbacher Alpen und Grazer Bergland, Östliche Fischbacher Alpen und Wechselgebiet, Koralpe, Mürztaler Alpen	

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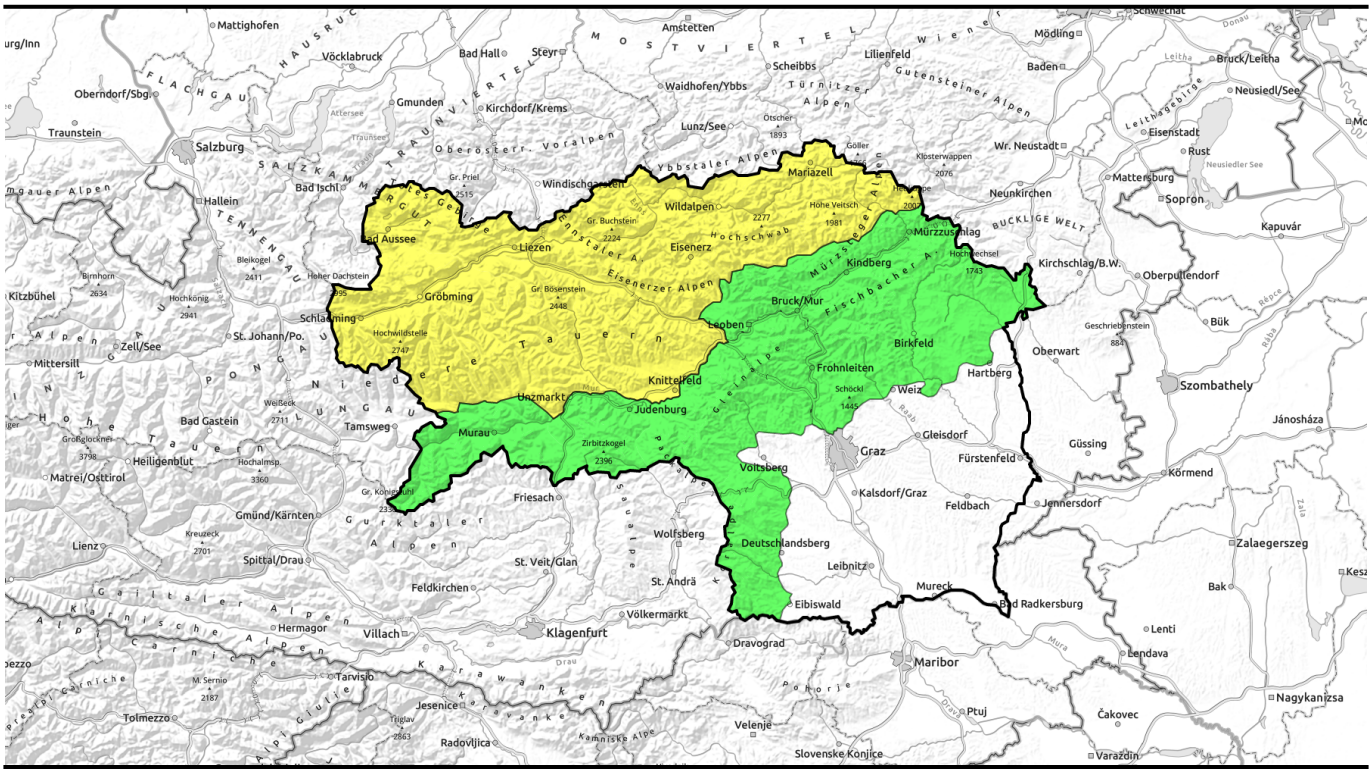

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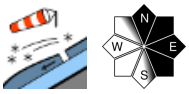

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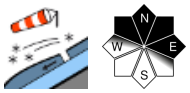

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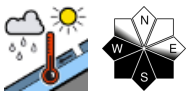

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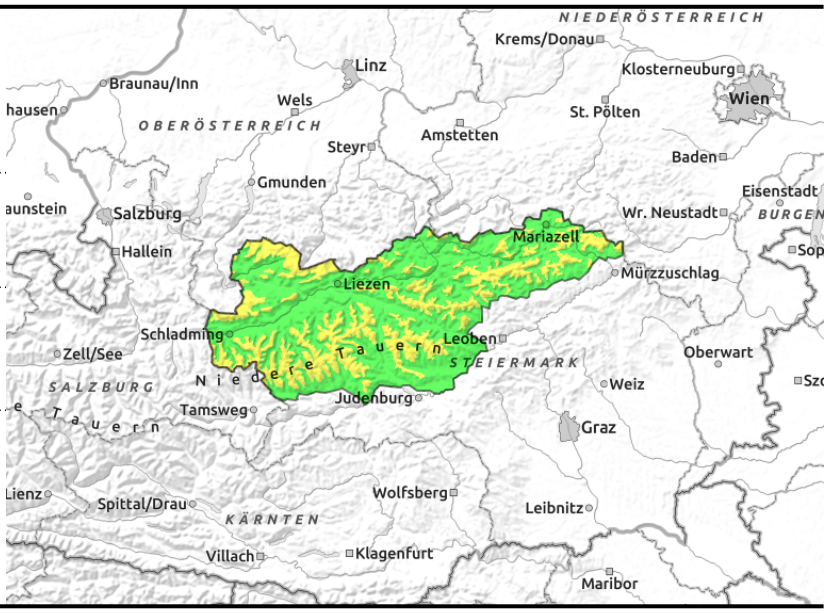

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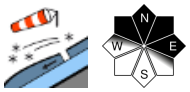

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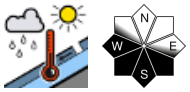

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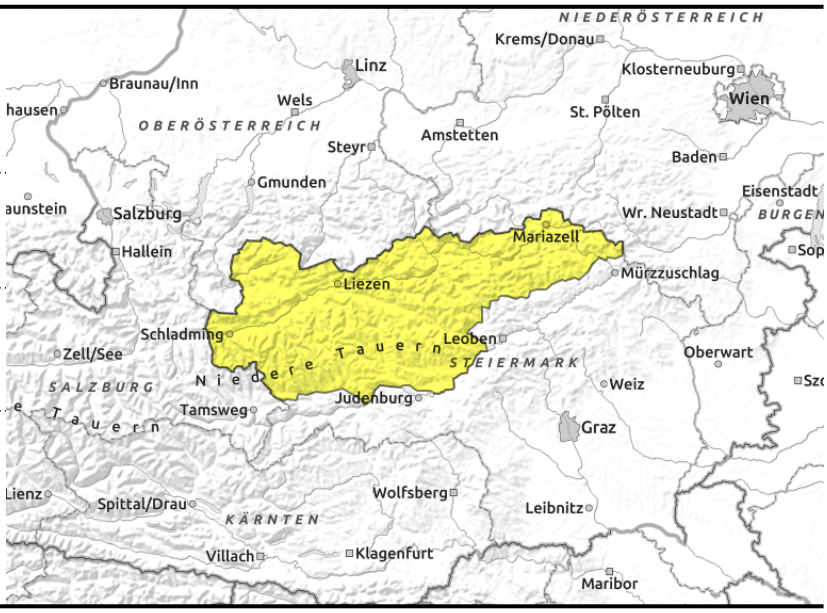

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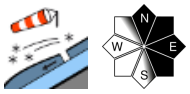

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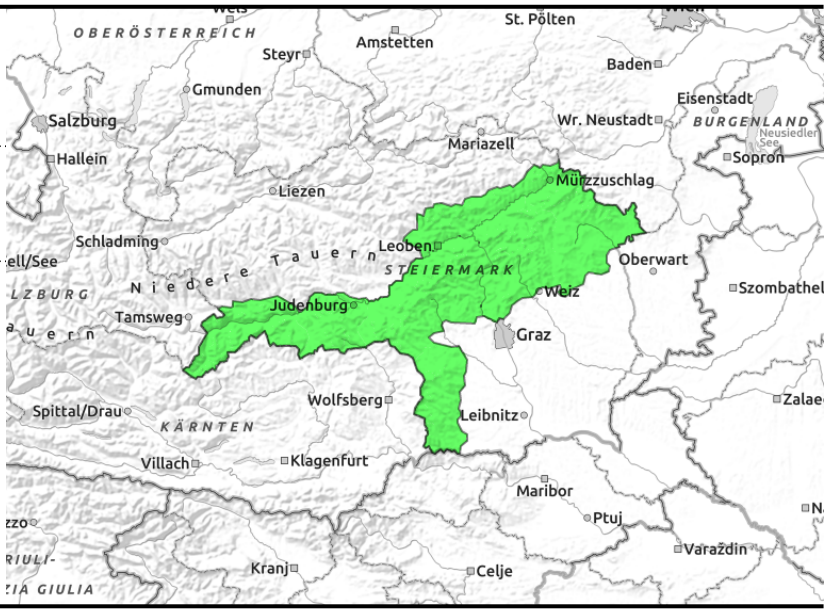

Low avalanche danger, due to very isolated snowdrift patches

Contrary to the northern barrier cloud regions of Upper Styria, only occasional snow showers reached the southern mountain ranges. However winds were quite stormy, so that snowdrifts were generated which have not yet settled on shady slopes. The avalanche prone locations are shallow and isolated, e.g. behind protruberances and in leeward terrain of ridges and combs.

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With the recent penetration of very cold air masses, the moist (wet, at lower altitudes) snowpack has regained some of its firmness and is melt-freeze encrusted. The thin layer of fresh snow already began to melt on Friday. The generating of snowdrifts was limited, due to the small amount of snowfall.

Weather

Saturday will be only intermittently sunny. As of midday, compact cloudbanks will move over the summits, block the sun. The foehn-like SW winds will make it mild. At midday at 2000 m: 0 degrees; at 1500 m, +3 degrees. A moderate strength SW wind will be blowing, stronger near the Koralpe.

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On Sunday, a moderate-to-brisk SW air current will bring clouds over the mountains, but it will remain dry. Only the peaks in the Turrach region might be shrouded in fog. Temperatures will be similar to the day before. No change in avalanche danger is anticipated, it will remain low.

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