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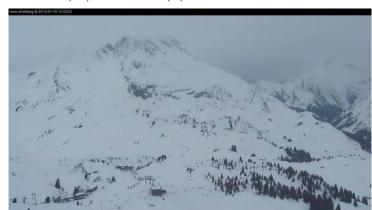
After a mild start to January it's turning colder with the prospect of some snow in places. These more wintry conditions should last well into next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

After a mostly dry start, scattered snow showers (600-800m) will break out across the western and northern Austrian Alps today (Thursday) though probably not amounting to very much. Further south and east it should stay mostly dry. More widespread snow showers are expected to low levels on Friday, heaviest in the far west (e.g. Lech).

Saturday should be mostly dry, but cold with some sunny spells and just the odd snow flurry. Sunday will remain cold with the greatest chance of snow flurries in the southern Alps close to the Italian border. Elsewhere it should remain mostly dry with some sunny spells.



Cloudy in Lech today with some flurries expected later - Photo: www.skiarlberg.at

France

It's already clouding over this morning (${f Thursday}$) across the northern French Alps with a few snow flurries expected later above 600m. More persistent snow (600-800m) will arrive tonight with 10-20cm in many places by morning. The snow will be more showery in the southern French Alps with the extreme south (e.g. Isola 2000) staying dry. Friday will be mostly cloudy with further snow (600m) in the northern Alps dying away later. Another 10-20cm is possible in places.

Saturday will be mostly dry but cold with some sunshine. Sunday will be cloudier once more, with some snow flurries to low levels in the morning, probably dying out later.





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Already cloudy in Megève, with some snow expected later

Italy

Many Italian resorts will remain dry, if rather cloudy today (**Thursday**) with a few snow flurries (1000m) likely in the far west (e.g. **Courmayeur**) this evening and overnight. **Friday** will be cloudy in the far west with some snow showers (700m) especially close to the French border. Most other regions will remain dry with some sunny spells.

Saturday will be cold but mostly dry with further spells of sunshine. **Sunday** will remain cold but will be more generally cloudy with the chance of snow flurries (600m) in all regions.



 $\label{thm:mostly cloudy in Champoluc today, but very little if any new snow is expected - Photo: \\ www.regione.vda.it$

Switzerland

A few snow flurries (600m) are already affecting the northern Swiss Alps this morning (**Thursday**) and these will become more persistent this evening and overnight with 10-20cm of snow in places by morning. The snow will be lighter and patchier in the south but even here a few cm are possible here and there. **Friday** will be generally cloudy with persistent snow (400-600m) along the northern ridges of the Alps (e.g. **Engelberg, Wengen**) where another 15-30cm is likely. Further south a few flurries are possible, but some places will remain dry.

Except for the odd flurry here and there, **Saturday** should be drier everywhere with some spells of sunshine. It will be cold, however, and will remain cold on **Sunday** when thicker cloud will return and bring some light snow flurries (400m) to most places.



Still bright in Bettmeralp above the Rhône Valley, but cloud is thickening up - Photo:

Outlook:

After a relatively cold weekend it may turn milder for a time early next week.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 14 January, but see $\underline{\text{Today}}$ in the Alps for daily updates

