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Snow forecast - Friday 3 January 2014

The weather will remain very unsettled this weekend with further snow (but also some rain) for many, heaviest in the Italian Alps. The areas least likely to see any significant snow are again the northern and eastern Austrian Alps.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Saturday will be cloudy with showers across the southern Austrian Alps, particularly later in the day and close to the Italian border where the rain/snow limit will be around 1000-1400m. Most other regions will be dry, bright and mild with just the odd shower here and there (snow 1800m).

On **Sunday**, showers will spread to most of the Austrian Alps but remain heaviest in the south-west close to the Italian border. The rain/snow limit will start quite high (1500m) in the central and northern Austrian Alps but sink to below 1000m everywhere later.

Monday and **Tuesday** will be mostly dry with the best of any sunshine in the southern Alps.

France

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow, heaviest in the south but becoming more generalised later in the day. The rain/snow limit will start quite high (1600-1900m) before lowering rapidly later.

Sunday may see a few snow showers (700-900m) in the morning, but most areas should brighten up as the day goes on.

Monday and **Tuesday** are expected to be mostly dry with the best of any sunshine in the southern Alps.

Italy

Saturday will be cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow, heaviest in the eastern Italian Alps (from Lombardy to the Dolomites) later in the day. The rain/snow limit will be highly variable - as low as 600-800m in some enclosed valleys of the north-west (i.e. Aosta), more generally 1000-1400m.

The bad weather will continue into **Sunday** morning, by which time some resorts of the Lombardy and western Dolomite regions (e.g. Madesimo, Passo Tonale) may have seen more than 50cm of new snow. Later on **Sunday** the precipitation should ease across the western Italian Alps where some brighter spells are possible.

On **Monday**, the last of any snow flurries should clear the eastern Alps, then all areas should enjoy some fine sunny weather that will continue into **Tuesday**.

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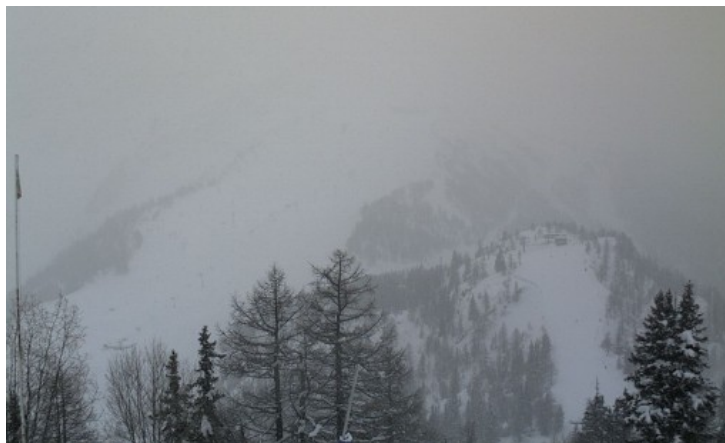
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Snowing in Courmayeur this afternoon as it will be tomorrow – Photo: regione.vda.it

Switzerland

Saturday will be mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain/snow, though some central and eastern parts of the Swiss Alps may stay dry until the afternoon. The heaviest precipitation is likely to be in the south close to the Italian border. The rain/snow limit will vary hugely, starting at around 1800m close to the northern edge of the Alps but falling later, and lower but very variable further south.

On **Sunday**, snow showers (700-1000m) will hang on in the eastern Swiss Alps while western parts should brighten up later.

Monday and **Tuesday** will be mostly dry with the best of any sunshine in the southern Alps



Bright skies in the Swiss Engadin on Friday evening, but some snow is expected this weekend. This is Savognin – Photo: radons.ch

Outlook:

The rest of next week looks to be mostly dry and mild with sunny spells and some cloudier interludes at times.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 6 December 2013, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates