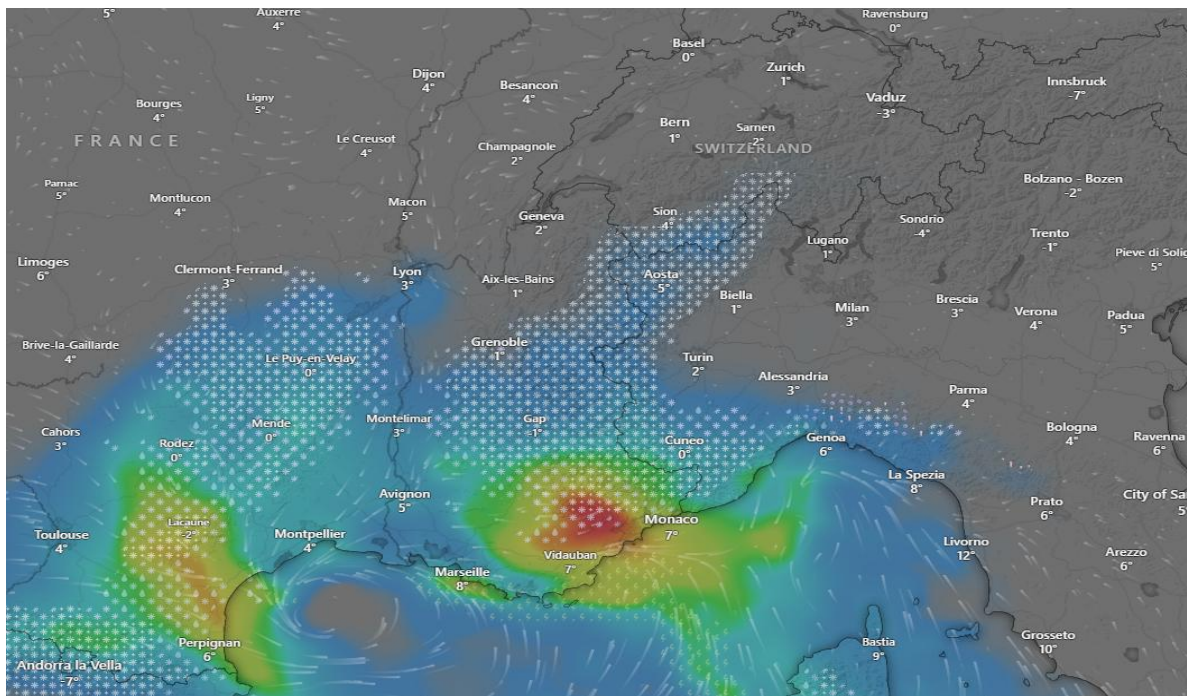




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## Heavy Rainfall, Snowfall and Flooding Risk - Western Alps



### Affected Areas

South-eastern France, north-western Italy, western Switzerland and adjacent coastal/lowland areas near Monaco and the French Riviera.

### Duration

January 22–25, 2026

### Hazard Types

Heavy rainfall, heavy snowfall at mid-to-high elevations (>800–1500 m), strong winds (gusts 70–100 km/h in exposed areas), flash flooding and river overflows.

### Hazard Summary

A strong Atlantic frontal system interacting with the western Alps is producing widespread heavy precipitation, with orographic enhancement causing intense rain in the foothills and abundant snow in higher elevations. Accumulations of 80–200 mm (liquid equivalent) are expected in the most affected areas over the next 48–72 hours, with 50–150 cm of fresh snow possible above 1500–2000 m. This setup raises significant risks of rapid snowmelt flooding if rain reaches mid-levels, flash floods in valleys, landslides on saturated slopes, and dangerous avalanche conditions in the high Alps. Lowland areas (e.g., around Lyon, Turin, Geneva) face urban and river flooding threats from intense runoff.