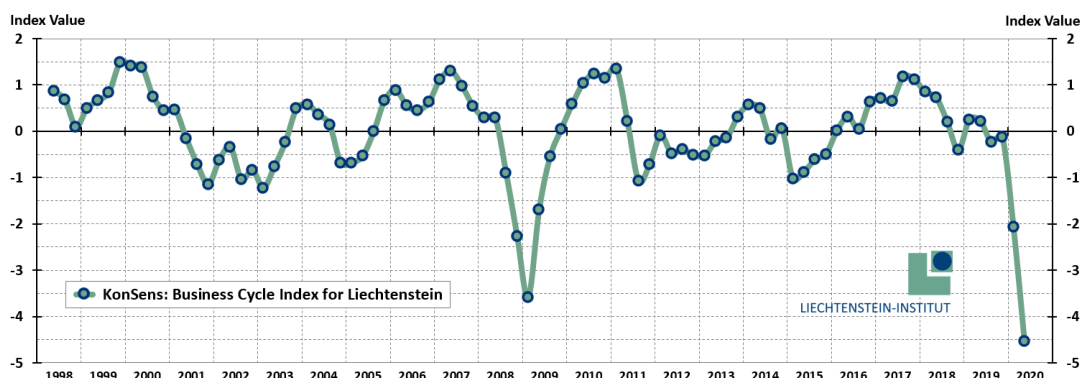


2nd Quarter 2020: KonSens at Record Low

As expected, COVID-19 and the shut-down have led to a sharp downturn of Liechtenstein's business cycle: The KonSens fell again, to -4.5 in the 2nd quarter



and therefore scored the lowest value since the beginning of the time series. Thus, the KonSens signals economic growth and capacity utilization on historically low level, even undercutting the trough during the financial crisis in 2008/2009. For the third quarter of 2020, the KonSens is anticipated to increase again.

The business cycle index KonSens by the Liechtenstein Institute is a quarterly, coincident composite indicator for Liechtenstein's business cycle pattern und consists of 16 individual economic indicators. It focuses on the state of Liechtenstein's business cycle, rather than on its determinants or influences. The KonSens generates for each quarter an indexed data point – removed from seasonal effects and the long-run trend – that can be interpreted as the national economy's capacity utilization (boom/recession etc.). The Name «KonSens» originates from the conception of the business cycle as a consensus of various individual business cycle impulses. But it is also the simple abbreviation of «Konjunktur-Sensor» (sensor of Liechtenstein's business cycle situation). The KonSens offers a timely aggregation of various – sometimes contradicting – business cycle signals to a consistent picture and can be understood as a conceptual supplement to the ordinary focus on Liechtenstein's GDP and is accessible on a timelier and more frequent basis.