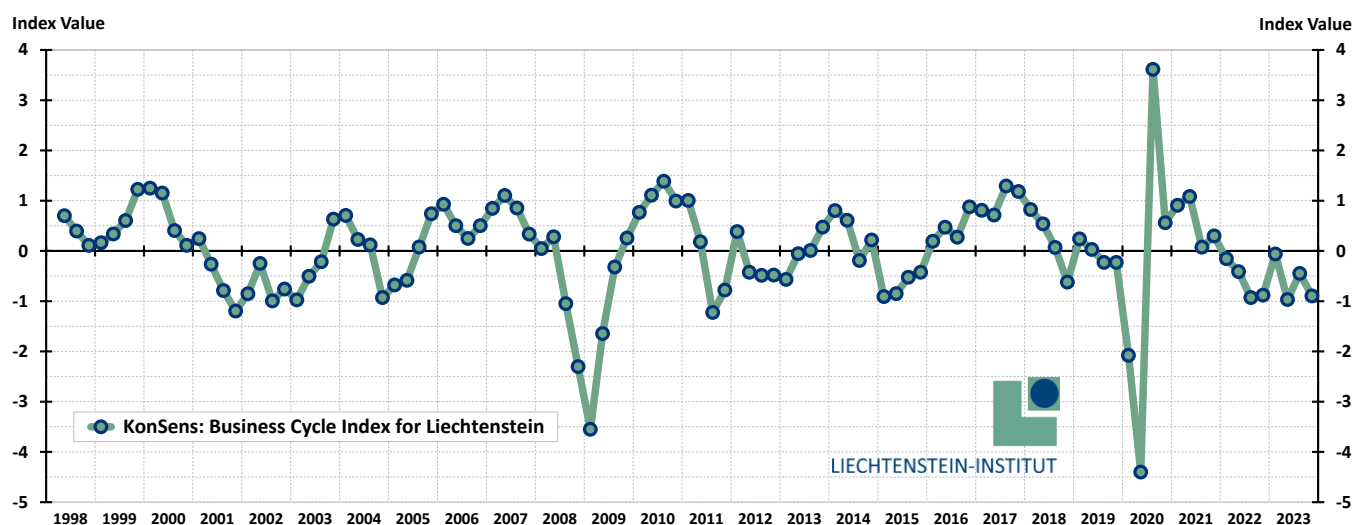


4th Quarter 2023: Weak Economic Performance Persists



Business Cycle Index KonSens (Issue 1/2024, February 15th, 2024): The longer lasting weak performance of Liechtenstein's economy has continued. The value of the KonSens business cycle index fell from -0.4 to -0.9 in the 4th quarter of 2023. While employment and goods exports developed positively, firm survey data and goods imports in particular had a negative impact on the KonSens. The business cycle index has been in negative territory for eight consecutive quarters, signaling below-average quarterly growth in historical comparison. This is the longest period of continuously negative index values since the negative phase of 2001–2003.

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