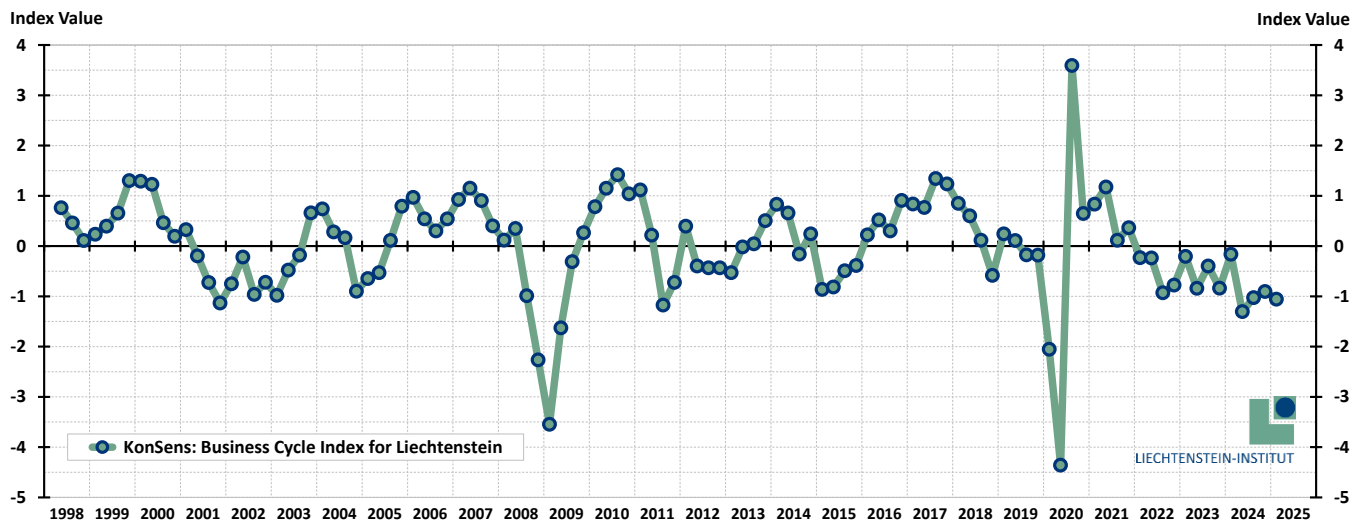


1st Quarter 2025: KonSens still negative and declining again



Business Cycle Index KonSens (Issue 2/2025, May 9th, 2025): Rising uncertainty in the global economy continued to weigh on international trade, contributing to ongoing weakness of Liechtenstein's business cycle. The value of the KonSens business cycle index slightly fell in the 1st quarter of 2025 to -1.1, as Liechtenstein's foreign goods trade remained sluggish and the company survey data were subdued. The KonSens has now been in negative territory for thirteen quarters, which signals below-average quarterly growth in historical comparison. This is the longest negative phase since the start of the KonSens time series.

The business cycle index KonSens by the Liechtenstein Institute is a quarterly, coincident composite indicator for Liechtenstein's business cycle and consists of 16 individual economic indicators. It offers a timely aggregation of various – sometimes contradicting – business cycle signals to a consistent picture. Applying various statistical methods, the KonSens generates for each quarter an indexed data point – adjusted for seasonal effects and with removal of the long-run growth trend – and shows whether real economic growth is above (boom) or below (recession) average since 1998. The Name KonSens originates from the conception of the business cycle as a «consensus» of various individual economic impulses. But it is also the simple abbreviation of «Konjunktur-Sensor» (sensor of Liechtenstein's business cycle situation). The KonSens focuses on the measurement of the state of Liechtenstein's business cycle, rather than on its determinants or influences. It represents a conceptual supplement to the ordinary focus on the Gross Domestic Product, is accessible on a timelier and more frequent basis than Liechtenstein's annually published GDP and is less prone to revisions.

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