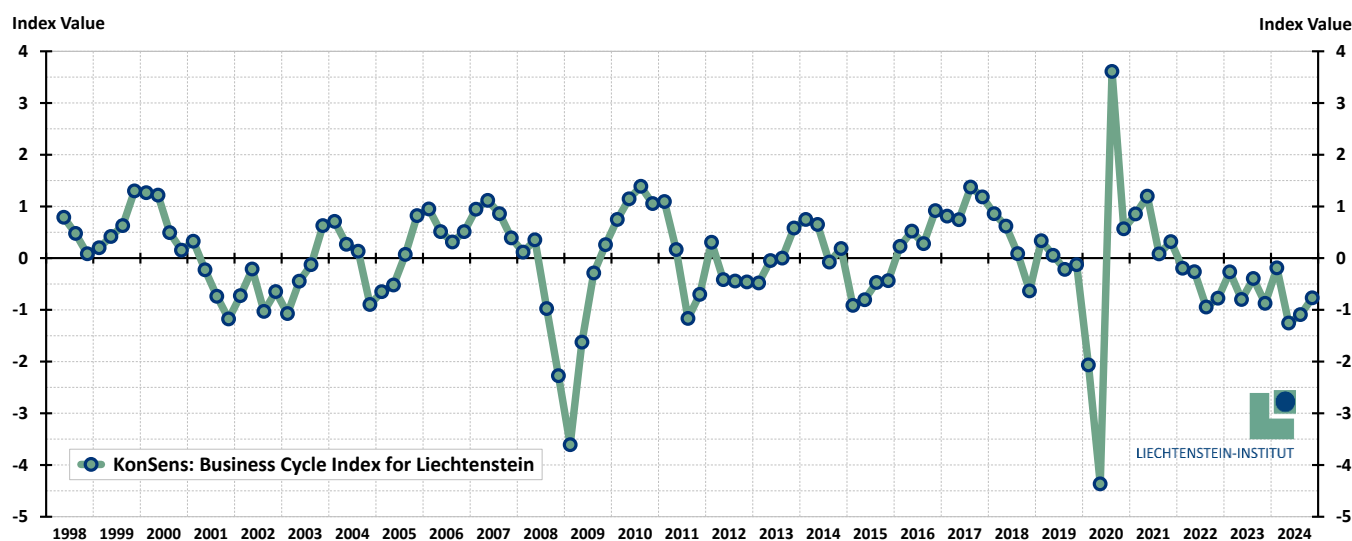


4th Quarter 2024: KonSens Remains in Negative Territory



Business Cycle Index KonSens (Issue 1/2025, February 17th, 2025): The ongoing uncertainty in the global economy is putting pressure on global foreign trade. As a consequence, Liechtenstein's business cycle weakness has continued. The value of the KonSens business cycle index increased slightly in the 4th quarter of 2024, from -1.1 to -0.8. Liechtenstein's foreign goods trade continued to develop sluggishly and the company survey data was also rather weak. The KonSens has now been in negative territory for twelve 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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