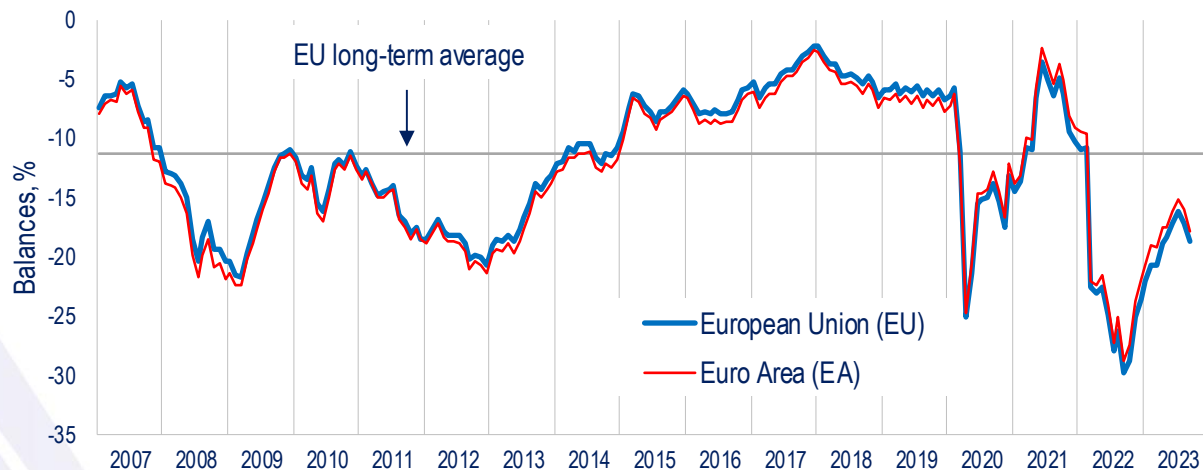


FLASH CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR FOR THE EU AND EURO AREA

In September 2023, DG ECFIN's flash estimate¹ of the consumer confidence indicator² decreased for the second month in a row in both the EU (1.6 percentage points (pps.) down) and the euro area (1.8 pps. down). Scoring at -18.7 (EU) and -17.8 (euro area) pps., consumer confidence has fallen further below its long-term average.



source: European Commission services

¹ This month's Flash CCI for the EU aggregate is computed on the basis of consumer survey data from 25 EU countries (all except Ireland and Romania), covering 97% (EU) and 98% (euro area) of total private final consumption expenditure.

² The consumer confidence indicator builds on replies to selected questions addressed to consumers according to the Joint Harmonised EU Programme of Business and Consumer Surveys. More information on the consumer confidence indicator as well as time series can be found via the following link: https://economy-finance.ec.europa.eu/economic-forecast-and-surveys/business-and-consumer-surveys_en

Information

Data collection period: September 1-20.

Release policy of the Consumer Confidence Indicator (CCI): Every month, the Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) of the European Commission releases the flash CCI for the EU and euro-area aggregates, using the data available on the cut-off date. The final Consumer Survey results are then published as part of the full Business and Consumer Survey release at the end of the month.

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