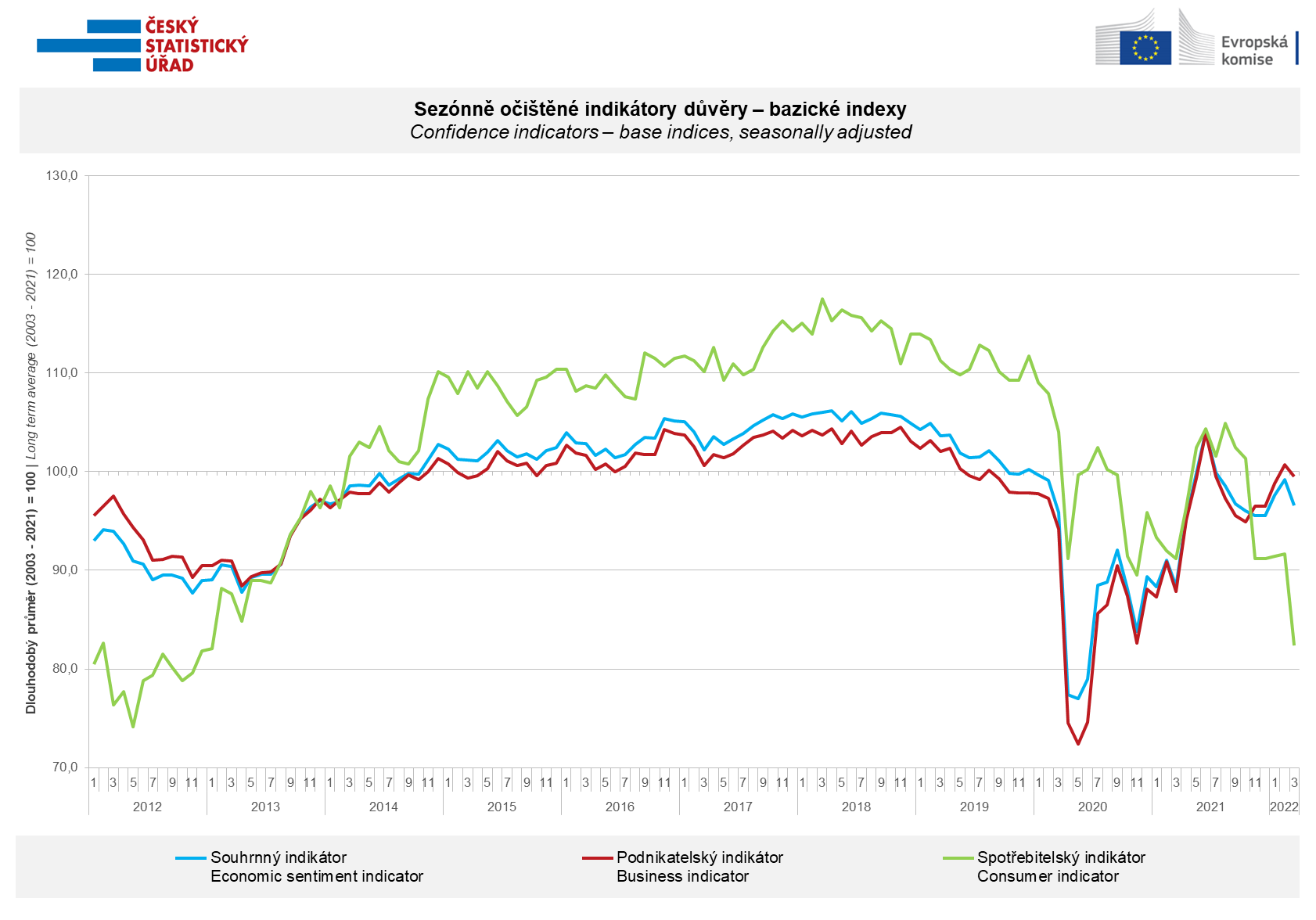
March 24, 2022

**Consumer confidence in the economy is the lowest since January 2013**

**Business cycle survey – March 2022**

**The composite confidence indicator (economic sentiment indicator) – in the basis index form – decreased by 2.6 percentage points to 96.6, m-o-m, with both components decreasing. Business confidence indicator decreased by 1.2 percentage points to 99.5, the consumer confidence indicator decreased by 9.3 percentage points to 82.4.**

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The month-on-month decline in economic sentiment among **entrepreneurs** was mainly due to a sharper decline in confidence in industry and construction. Entrepreneurs´ confidence in trade also fell, while in selected service sectors it increased compared with February.

March **consumer confidence** fell to its lowest level since January 2013. The number of households worried about the deterioration of the overall economic situation and their own financial situation in the next twelve months increased significantly.

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More detailed information on the development of business and consumer confidence can be found in [*the supplementary information to the RI business surveys*](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/165533657/akpr022422_komentar.pdf)*.*

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Annex:

Additional information to NR Business cycle survey

Table Confidence Indicators – basic indices

Graph 1 Confidence indicators – base indices, seasonally adjusted (2003–2022)

Graph 2.1 Confidence Indicators for industry, construction, trade, and in selected services – base indices, seasonally adjusted (2003–2022)

Graph 2.2 Balances of seasonally adjusted confidence indicators for industry, construction, trade, and in selected services (2003–2022)

Graph 3 Economic Sentiment Indicators – international comparison, seasonally adjusted (2007-2022)