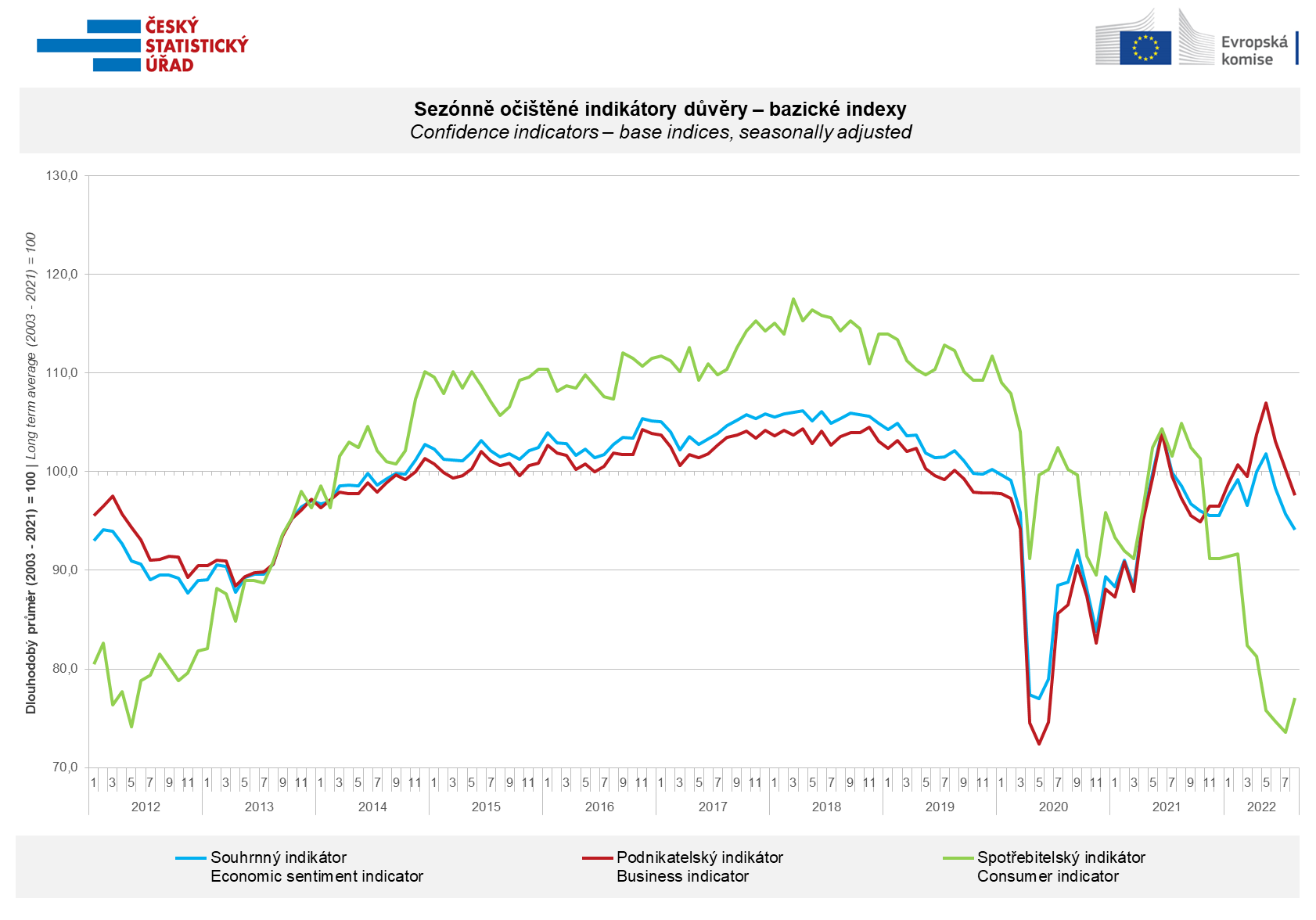
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**Overall confidence in the economy decreased for the third time in a row**

**Business cycle survey – August 2022**

**The composite confidence indicator (economic sentiment indicator) – in the basis index form – decreased by 1.6 percentage points to 94.1, m-o-m, with the different developments of its components. Business confidence indicator decreased by 2.6 percentage points to 97.6, the consumer confidence indicator increased by 3.5 percentage points to 77.1.**



Confidence in the economy fell among **entrepreneurs** across all sectors. The value of business confidence indicator thus fell below its long-term average again.

Among **consumers,** confidencein the economy increased m-o-m after five months of continuous decline. Compared to July, respondents are less worried about the deterioration of the *economic situation* and *their own financial situation*. The number of consumers rate their *financial situation* worse than in the previous twelve months is also decreased m-o-m. Conversely, the number of respondents who believe that the next twelve months will not be a good time to make l*arge purchases* has slightly increased.

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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/11350/165533649/akpr082422_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)