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Consumer Confidence Survey

Consumer confidence declines in August 2018.

The Banque centrale du Luxembourg's consumer confidence indicator has declined in August 2018.

The components of the indicator have evolved heterogeneously this month.

In August, households' expectations about both the general economic situation in Luxembourg and their capacity to save have strongly deteriorated whereas those related to their personal financial situation have stabilised. Households' concerns related to unemployment in Luxembourg have slightly receded. In total, the consumer confidence indicator, which is the arithmetic mean of the four components¹, has declined in August 2018.

The results are presented in the table below:

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ The four components of the consumer confidence indicator are seasonally adjusted.

			Expectations over the next 12 months			
		Consumer confidence indicator	General economic situation in Luxembourg	Unemployment in Luxembourg	Financial situation of household s	Savings of households
2016	August	10	-3	4	4	44
2017	September	6	-2	9	2	34
	October	6	-5	9	6	31
	November	10	1	3	5	38
	December	13	-1	3	5	52
	January	11	0	5	5	44
	February	10	1	3	3	40
	March	16	2	-3	8	49
	April	14	6	-1	2	47
	May	16	8	-6	2	48
	June	14	6	0	4	46
	July	14	9	0	3	44
2018	August	13	7	2	3	44
	September	15	11	3	6	45
	October	17	11	-3	3	51
	November	18	10	-4	6	52
	December	15	4	-5	2	47
	January	20	15	-8	6	49
	February	18	10	-7	3	51
	March	15	4	-5	6	44
	April	13	4	-5	3	38
	May	14	6	1	5	44
	June	14	3	-2	4	46
	July	17	8	3	6	56
	August	13	2	2	6	44

Note: The consumer confidence indicator results from the average of balances related to consumers' expectations of (1) the general economic situation and (2) unemployment (inverted sign) in Luxembourg, of (3) their financial situation and (4) their future savings. Balances are constructed as the difference between the percentages of respondents giving positive and negative replies. In terms of unemployment, a positive reply means an unfavourable development in the labour market.

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