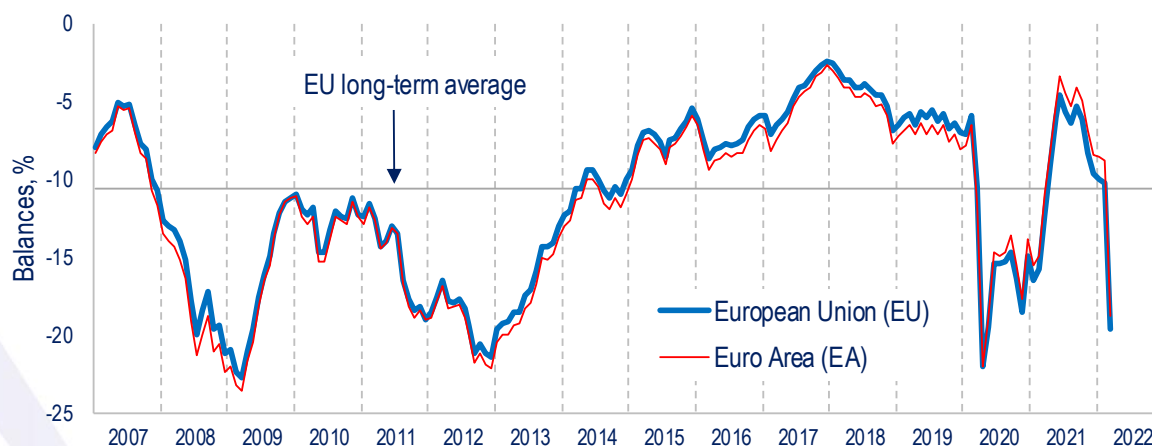




## FLASH CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR FOR EU AND EURO AREA

In March 2022, the DG ECFIN flash estimate<sup>1</sup> of the consumer confidence indicator<sup>2</sup> plummeted in the EU (9.4 points down from February) and the euro area (9.9 points down). At -19.6 (EU) and -18.7 (euro area) points, the war in Ukraine dragged consumer confidence down to well below its long-term average.



source: European Commission services

<sup>1</sup> This month's Flash CCI for the EU aggregate is computed on the basis of consumer survey data from 26 EU countries, covering 98% of the total private final consumption expenditure. For the euro-area indicator, all 19 Member States are included in the total.

<sup>2</sup> 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://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/bcs](https://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/bcs)

### Information

**Data collection period:** March 1-22

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