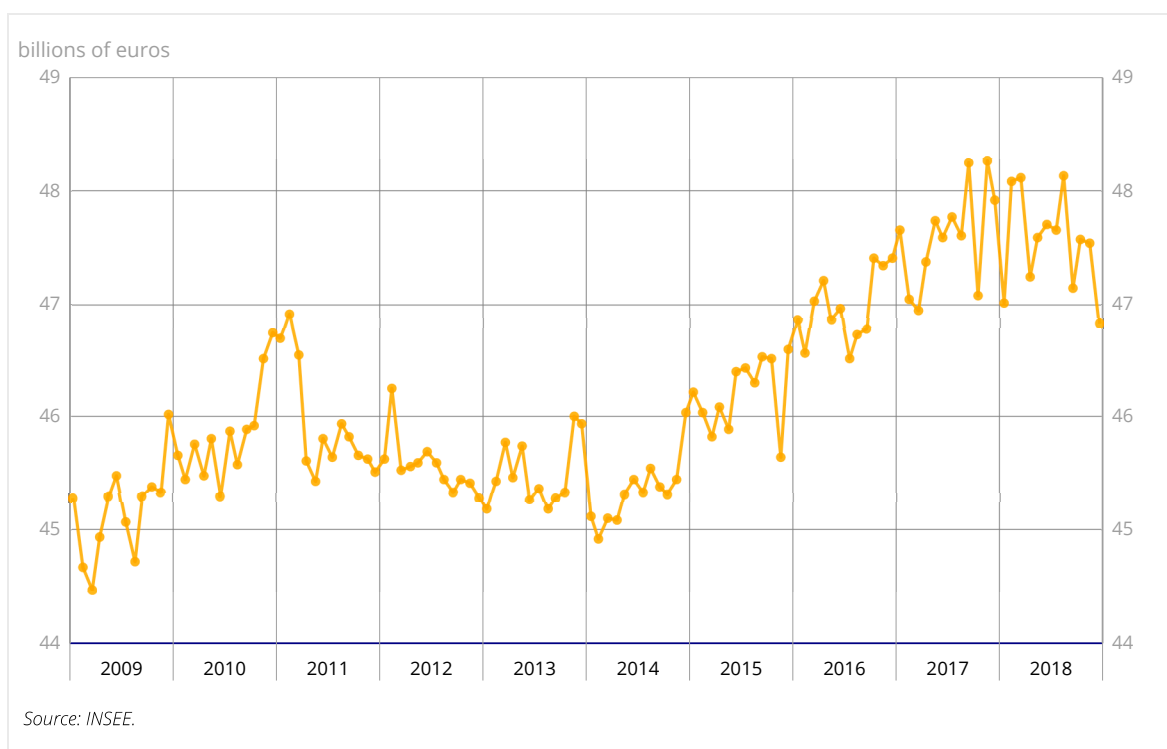


Household consumption expenditure on goods - December 2018

## Household consumption expenditure on goods decreased in december (-1.5%) and over the fourth quarter (-0.7%)

In December 2018, household expenditure on goods fell by 1.5% in volume\*, after decreasing slightly in November (-0.1%). This downturn was mainly due to a sharp drop in energy consumption (-4.3%) and purchases of manufactured goods (-1.9%). Over the whole fourth quarter, consumer spending on goods fell sharply (-0.7% after +0.3% in the third quarter), due to the decline in durable manufactured goods consumption.

### Total consumption of goods



### Engineered goods: significant decline in December, decrease over the quarter

In December, manufactured goods spending fell sharply (-1.9% after +0.0% in November), due to the significant decline in durable goods purchases (-3.8%). Over the fourth quarter, manufactured goods spending declined (-1.2%).

### Durables: significant decrease in December and over the quarter

Consumption of durable goods fell sharply in December (-3.8%, after +0.1% in November). In particular, car purchases fell, possibly in anticipation of a more favourable scrapping premium from January onwards. The decline in household durables purchases, particularly telephones and televisions, also contributed to the decrease in durable goods consumption in December. Over the fourth quarter, purchases of durable goods diminished (-2.3%).

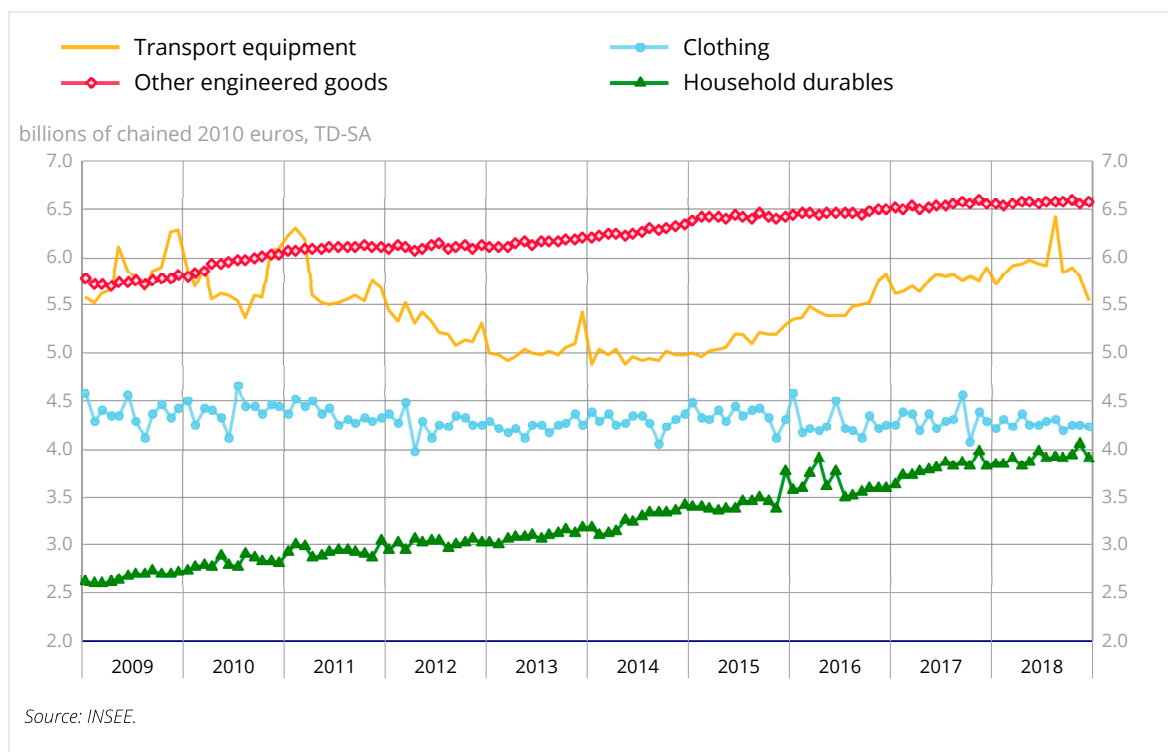
### Textile-clothing: slight decline in December, decrease over the quarter

Expenditure on textile clothing fell slightly in December after two months of increase (−0.3% after +0.2% in November and +1.3% in October). In particular, spending on textiles fell sharply. Over the fourth quarter, consumption of textile clothing decreased slightly (−0.4%).

### Other engineered goods: almost stable in December and over the quarter

In December, consumption of "other manufactured goods" was almost stable (+0.1% after −0.4% in November). Over the quarter, consumption of "other manufactured goods" barely decreased (−0.1%).

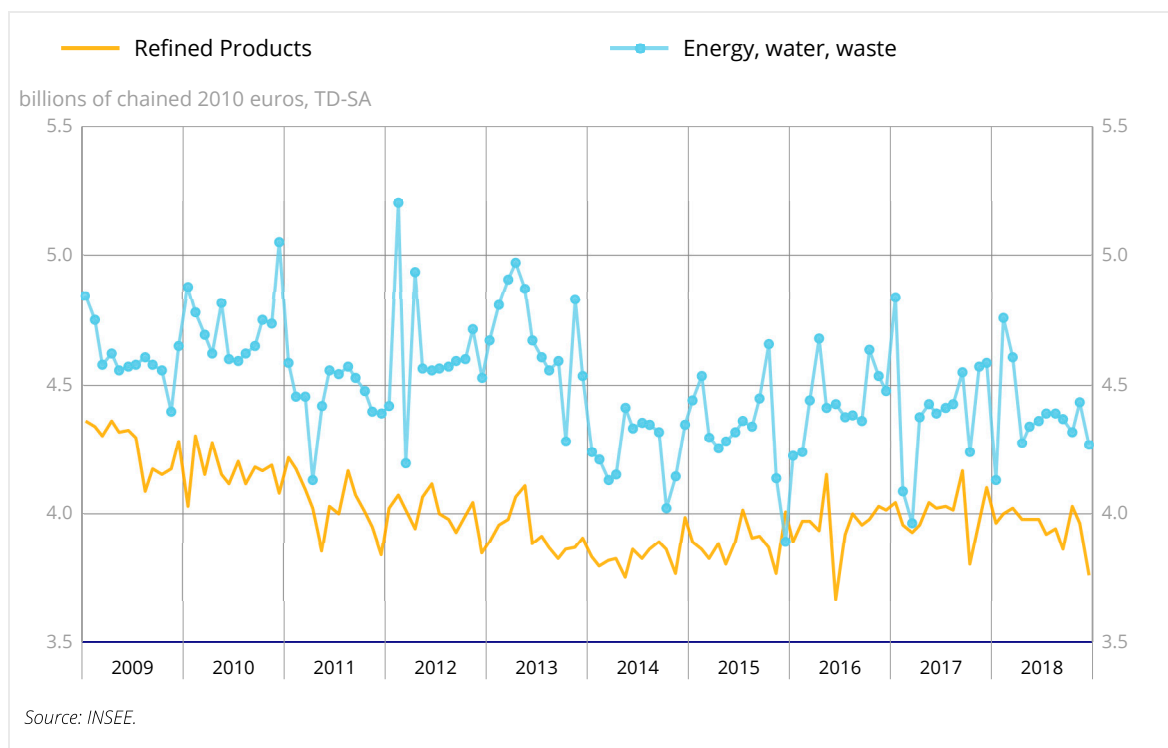
#### Breakdown of engineered goods



### Food products : slight increase in December and slight decrease over the quarter

In December, food consumption rebounded (+0.5% after −0.4%). The consumption of agri-food products was dynamic, in particular the one of meat and meat preparations. However, the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables decreased. Tobacco consumption increased in December (+1.0%). Nevertheless, over the whole quarter, food consumption fell (−0.1%).

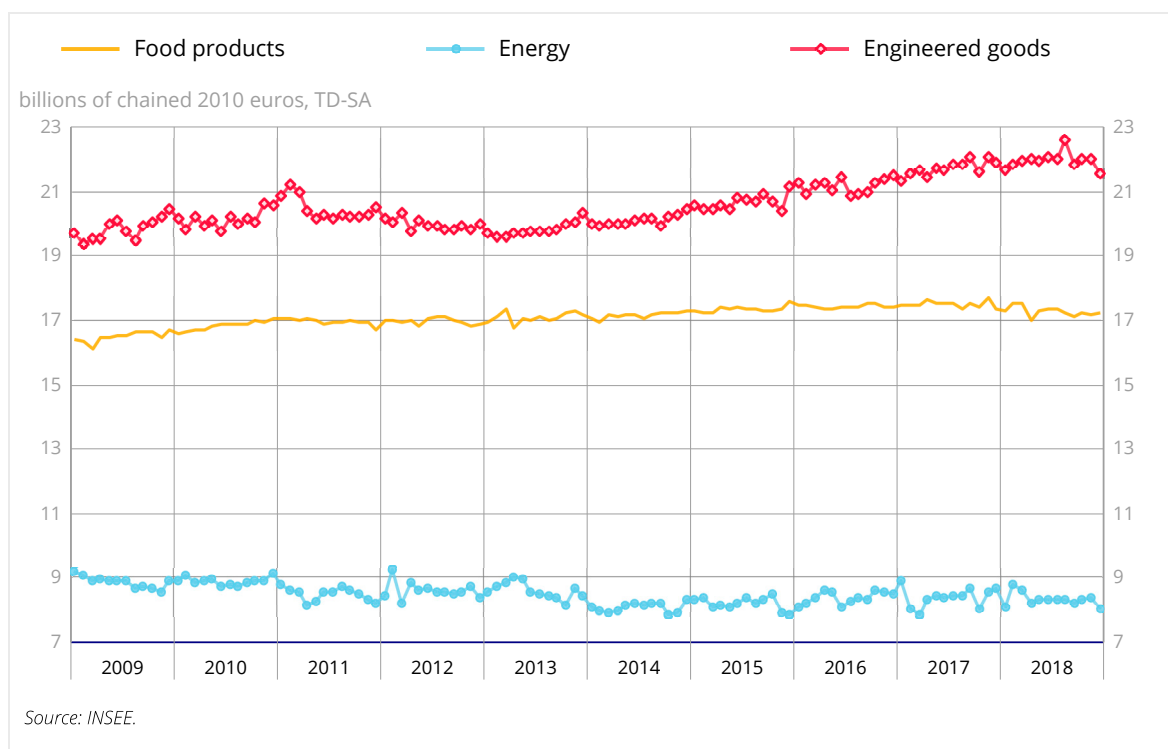
#### Breakdown of energy



## Energy: sharp decline in December, slight decrease over the quarter

In December, energy consumption fell sharply (-4.3%). Indeed, fuel consumption was down for the second consecutive month and gas and electricity consumption fell sharply, after a relatively mild December. Over the fourth quarter, energy consumption decreased slightly (-0.4%).

### Food products, engineered goods and energy



### The variation in November 2018 was revised upwards

Compared to the previous estimation, the change of household expenditure on goods in November 2018 was revised upwards: -0.1% instead of -0.3%. Indeed, new information has been integrated and the seasonal adjustment coefficients have been updated.

### Household consumption expenditure on goods

Changes in %. TD-SA

	Weight (1)	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Dec 18 / Dec 17	Q / Q-1 (2)
<i>Food products</i>	38	0.8	-0.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.1
- excl. Tobacco	34	0.9	-0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1
<b>Engineered goods</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
- Durables	22	1.0	0.1	-3.8	-2.5	-2.3
Including :						
- Transport equipment	12	1.0	-1.8	-4.2	-5.7	-5.0
- Household durables	7	1.2	2.9	-4.1	2.1	1.5
- Textile-clothing	9	1.3	0.2	-0.3	-1.2	-0.4
- Other engineered goods	14	0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.1
<b>Energy</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
- Energy, water, waste	10	-1.1	2.6	-3.7	-6.9	-1.0
- Refined Products	8	4.3	-1.6	-5.2	-8.2	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
- Including Manufactured goods	84	1.0	-0.4	-1.2	-1.6	-0.7

(1) Weighting in the consumption expenditure on goods in value in 2017

(2) Last three months / previous three months

Source : Insee

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