

# **Cookies**

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A cookie is a small text file that a website stores on your computer or mobile device when you visit the site. They fall into three categories: ones that run the sites and convey our message, ones that compile statistics and ones that display videos in **social media** and **video platforms**. The first category is **required**, i.e. selected automatically. The other two are optional: you can allow one or the other, or both. Please note that your settings will determine whether all functionalities are available to you. For more information see our page on <u>Data protection and privacy</u>.

### **Necessary cookies**

These are essential for site usability and security. For example, they enable the system to recognise whether you have enabled the use of cookies, which inventors you have already voted for and whether you entered the CAPTCHA code correctly to prove you are a human and not a robot. You cannot vote if you deactivate these cookies. They do not gather any information about you that could be used for marketing purposes and do not remember where you have been on the internet. They cannot be disabled. Most web browsers allow some control of most cookies through your browser settings.

#### Statistics cookies

To further improve our service and websites, the platform uses a tracking tool to collect anonymised data for statistics.

#### Social media - third-party cookies

The platform uses social media networks (hereinafter, "Social Networks") such as Google, YouTube, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and LinkedIn to allow you to share content via plugin functions such as "Share" and "Like".

These plugins are functions of the respective Social Network and can be recognised by their logo.

Please note that through the integration of the plugins, Social Networks are informed about you accessing our pages.

If you are logged in to a Social Network, that network can associate these page views with your account on the network. It might also result in information already held being combined

with the information newly collected and this being further processed under the data protection and cookie policies of the platforms concerned.

Even if you are not a member of any Social Networks, the integrated social media plugins in this website send information to Facebook to make our content better, so it is possible that company may become aware of your IP address, your browser/operating system and the address of the website or app you use to make these features work.

Please note that Social Networks may change their terms of service, purpose and use of cookies at any time. We have no influence on the scope of data collected in this way.

### **TYPES OF COOKIES:**

### Strictly necessary (total number)

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Name	Provider	Purpose	Expiry	Туре
PHPSESSID	.engage.epo.o	User session	Session	Strictly
	rg	participating in		necessary
		the promotion.		
		Used for		
		managing new		
		participations,		
		participant		
		identification,		
		fraud controls		
		on		
		participation,		
		and user interface		
		personalisatio		
		n.		
wl_ep_login[*]	.engage.epo.o	Set when a	Session	Strictly
wi_cp_login[]	rg	user identifies	00331011	necessary
	19	themselves in		liooooary
		the contest		
		and allows the		
		participant's		
		session to be		
		maintained.		
promo_*_lang	.engage.epo.o	The language	Session	Strictly
	rg	selected by		necessary
		the user is		
		saved to		
		display		
		promotional		

	content in that	
	language.	

## Statistical (total number)

These collect anonymised data that allow us to measure visitor traffic levels and optimise our content.

Name	Provider	Purpose	Expiry	Туре
wl_ep_request	.engage.epo.o	The origin of	Session	Statistical
s[*]	rg	the user is		
		stored for the		
		traffic source		
		statistics		
		system of		
		participants.		

# Social media (third-party) (total number)

Name	Provider	Purpose	Expiry	Туре
fbm_*,	Meta	Introduced by	1 year	Social media
fbmsr_*,		Meta when the		
fbssls_*,		user logs in		
fbs_*, c_user,		with		
datr, fr, sb, wd,		Facebook,		
locale		shares content		
		on Facebook		
		or displays a		
		social plugin.		
personalizatio	X, formerly	Introduced by	1 year	Social media
n_id,	Twitter	X.com for the		
_twitter_sess,		sharing		
ct0, eu_cn,		functionality		
external_refer		on X. X		
er, guest_id,		generates a		
tfw_exp		Twitter card		
		and introduces		
		cookies to		
		determine if		
		the user has		
		an active		
		session in the		
		browser and		
		provide		
		sharing		
		functionality.		

### How can you manage cookies?

You can manage/delete cookies as you wish - for details, see aboutcookies.org.

### Removing cookies from your device

You can delete any cookies already on your device by clearing the history in your browser. This will remove all cookies from any websites you have visited.

Be aware you may also lose saved information (e.g. daily authentication details, inventors already voted for).

### Managing site-specific cookies

For more detailed control over site-specific cookies, check the privacy and cookie settings in your preferred browser.

### **Blocking cookies**

You can set most modern browsers to prevent any cookies being placed on your device, but you may then have to manually adjust some preferences every time you visit a site/page. Some services and functionalities (e.g. authentication) may not work at all.