

Cookie Policy

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Cookie Policy

NOTE: Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this document bear the meaning specified in Schedule I to this Cookie Policy.

Introduction

- A. Project Consortium consists of different legal entities who may act both as independent and joint controllers. Whereas the decisions on processing may be made at the level of Project Consortium, you may exercise your rights under EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in respect of and against each of the controllers. This Privacy Policy is issued on behalf of the each and all Project Consortium entities altogether so when we mention 'Project Consortium', 'we', 'us' or 'our' in this Cookie Policy, we are referring to the each and all entities in Project Consortium altogether responsible for processing your data.
- B. Project Consortium uses cookies to help provide, protect and improve Project Consortium services.
- C. This Policy describes the cookies we use and explains why we use cookies and how we deal with the collected information. It also explains how cookies enable Project Consortium website to function properly and why you may not be able to experience the full functionality of the website if you disable the use of cookies. Project Consortium Cookie Policy should be read alongside, and in addition to, our Terms of Use and our Privacy Policy.

Our Use of Cookie Policy Terms and Conditions

I What Are Cookies?

- (a) Cookies are text files containing small amounts of information, which are downloaded to your computer or mobile device when you visit a certain webpage. Cookies are then sent back to the originating webpage on each subsequent visit, or to another webpage, that recognises that cookie. Cookies are widely used in order to make Project Consortium website work, or to work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the website.
- (b) Cookies do lots of different jobs, like letting you navigate between pages efficiently, remembering your preferences, and generally improving the user experience. Cookies may tell us, for example, whether you have visited Project Consortium website before or whether you are a new visitor. They can also help to ensure that adverts you see online are more relevant to you and your interests.
- (c) There are two broad categories of cookies:
 - i. first party cookies, served directly by us to your computer or mobile device;
 - ii. third-party cookies, which are served by a third party.
- (d) Cookies can remain on your computer or mobile device for different periods of time. Some cookies are session cookies, meaning that they are stored only temporarily during a browsing session and expire when you close your browser. Other cookies are persistent cookies, meaning that they are saved on your computer or mobile device for a fixed period and are not deleted when browser is closed. They can be used by Project Consortium website to recognise your computer or mobile device when you open your browser and browse the Internet again.
- (e) For more information about cookies, please visit <http://www.allaboutcookies.org/>



2 Why Do We Use Cookies?

- i. We use cookies for a variety of reasons, including to: enable, facilitate and streamline the functioning of and your access to Project Consortium website;
- ii. track traffic flow and patterns of travel in connection with the Project Consortium website;
- iii. understand the total number of visitors to our website on an ongoing basis and the types of Internet browsers (e.g. Firefox, Chrome or Internet Explorer) and operating systems (e.g. Windows or Mac OS) used by our visitors;
- iv. monitor the performance of the Project Consortium website and continually improve it;
- v. customise and enhance your online experience.

3 What Types of Cookies Do We Use?

The types of cookies used by us in connection with the Project Consortium website can be classified into one of three categories, namely cookies necessary for essential Project Consortium purposes, 'functionality cookies', and 'performance and analytics cookies'. We have set out some further information about each category, and the purposes of the cookies we set in the following table.

3.1 Cookies necessary for essential Project Consortium purposes

These cookies are essential to provide you with the Project Consortium website and any services available through the website and to use some of its features, such as access to secure areas. Without these cookies, services you have asked for, like transactional pages and secure login accounts, would not be possible. Please see the instructions set out in 'How to control or delete cookies' below.

3.2 Functionality Cookies

Functionality cookies record information about choices you have made and allow us to tailor the Project Consortium website to you. These cookies mean that when you continue to use or come back to the website, we can provide you with our services as you have asked for them to be provided. For example, these cookies allow us to:

- i. Save your location preference if you have set your location on your homepage, if applicable;
- ii. Remember settings you have applied, such as layout, text size, preferences, and colours;
- iii. Show you when you are logged in; and
- iv. Store accessibility options. Please see the instructions set out in 'How to control or delete cookies' below.

3.3 Performance and Analytics Cookies

We use performance/analytics cookies to analyse how the Project Consortium website is accessed, used, or is performing in order to provide you with a better user experience and to maintain, operate and continually improve the website. For example, these cookies allow us to:

- i. Better understand our website visitors so that we can improve how we present our content;
- ii. Test different design ideas for particular pages, such as our homepage;
- iii. Collect information about the Project Consortium website visitors such as where they are located and what browsers they are using;
- iv. Determine the number of unique users of the website; and
- v. Improve the Project Consortium website by measuring any errors that occur

We use a local instance of Matomo running on our secured server located in the EU that helps us understand how users engage with the website. Like many services, this web analytics service uses first-party cookies to



track user interactions as in our case, where they are used to collect information about how users use our site and how they use it. Matomo is an open source and privacy-friendly analytics solution that gives data ownership and GDPR compliance. For accurate reporting of new and returning visitors. Matomo uses cookies to store some information about visitors between visits. We also use cookies to remember if someone gave consent to tracking, or opted out of tracking. Matomo by default uses first-party cookies, set on the domain of our site. Cookies created by Matomo start with: `_pk_ref`, `_pk_cvar`, `_pk_id`, `_pk_ses`. See a list of all Matomo cookies: https://matomo.org/faq/general/faq_146/.

4 How to Control or Delete Cookies

- (a) You have the right to accept or stop cookies from being stored on your device at any time by using setting up the consent mechanism (e.g. cookie banner) from this website that specifies which types of non-essential cookies you can consent.
- (b) The cookie banner gives you the option to consent to all, some or none of these types of cookies, and gives information about how to change or withdraw your cookie preferences in the future.
- (c) Third-party cookies are not used on this website.
- (d) Please be aware that you may not be able to use all the interactive features of our services, the website and its content once cookies are disabled.

5 Changes to This Cookie Policy

We will occasionally update this Cookie Policy to reflect changes in our practices and services. When we post changes to this Cookie Policy, we will revise the 'Last Updated' date at the top of this Cookie Policy. If we make any material changes in the way we collect, use, and/or share information held in cookies, we will notify you by prominently posting notice of the changes on the Project Consortium website. We recommend that you check this page from time to time to inform yourself of any changes in this Cookie Policy or any of our other policies.

6 Cookies That Have Been Set in The Past

If you have disabled one or more Cookies, we may still use information collected from cookies prior to your disabled preference being set; however, we will stop using the disabled cookie to collect any further information.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or comments about this cookies policy, or privacy matters generally, please contact us via email at Project Consortium's contact email address.

Schedule I

Definitions and interpretations

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