Cookies

Cookies Policy

To make the websites of the Publications Office of the European Union work properly, we sometimes place small data files called ‘cookies’ on your device.

What are cookies?

A cookie is a small text file that a website stores on your computer or mobile device when you visit the site. It enables the website to remember your actions and preferences (such as login, language, font size and other display preferences) over a period of time, so you don’t have to keep re-entering them whenever you come back to the site or browse from one page to another.

- **First-party cookies** are cookies set by the website you’re visiting. Only that website can read them. In addition, a website might potentially use external services, which also set their own cookies, known as **third-party cookies**.

- **Persistent cookies** are cookies that are saved on your computer and are not deleted automatically when you quit your browser, unlike a session cookie, which is deleted when you quit your browser.

Every time you visit the Publications Office’s websites, you will be prompted to accept or refuse cookies.

Cookies can also be used to establish anonymised statistics about the browsing experience on our sites.

How do we use cookies?

The Publications Office websites mostly use ‘first-party cookies’. These are cookies set and controlled by the Publications Office, not by any external organisations. However, to view some of our pages, you will have to accept cookies from external organisations.

You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of this site may not work as intended. These cookies are used to remember:

- your display preferences, such as browsing language, contrast colour, font size, device used, search results preferences and notification preferences;

- your latest visit to the website (for statistical purposes) and the three most recent pages visited (to help our helpdesk if you send a request);
if you have agreed (or not) to our use of cookies on this site.

**Visitor preferences**
These are set by us and only we can read them. They remember if you have agreed to (or refused) this site’s cookie policy.

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<td>eu_cookie_consent</td>
<td>Cookie consent kit</td>
<td>Stores your cookie preferences (so you won’t be asked again)</td>
<td>First-party session cookie deleted after you quit your browser</td>
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**Operational cookies**
There are some cookies that we have to include in order for certain web pages to function. For this reason, they do not require your consent. In particular:

- authentication cookies;
- technical cookies required by certain IT systems.

**Authentication cookies**
These are stored when you log in to the Publications Office sites, using our authentication service (EU Login). When you do this, you accept the associated privacy policy.

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<td>_Secure_ECAS_SESSIONID</td>
<td>Identity Management Service</td>
<td>Identifies the current Central Authentication Service session</td>
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<td>_ECAS_PREFS</td>
<td>Identity Management Service</td>
<td>Remembers your settings and preferences: user id, user name, acknowledged cookie policy, high contrast mode, privacy mode, view account details after login, last strength selected</td>
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<td>AWSALB</td>
<td>AWS</td>
<td>Registers, which server-cluster is serving the visitor. This is used in context with load balancing, in order to optimize user experience.</td>
<td>First-party persistent cookie, 6 days</td>
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<tr>
<td>ELXSESSIONID</td>
<td>EUR-Lex</td>
<td>It is a JSESSIONID type of cookie, which in J2EE web application is used in session tracking. Since HTTP is a stateless protocol, there is no way for Web server to relate two separate requests coming from the same client. Session management is a process to track user using cookies. If a Web server is using a cookie for session management, it creates and sends JSESSIONID cookie to the client who sends it back to the server in subsequent HTTP requests.</td>
<td>First-party session cookie, deleted after you quit your browser</td>
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<td>clientlanguage</td>
<td>EUR-Lex</td>
<td>Cookie holding the user’s language selection</td>
<td>First-party persistent cookie, 30 days</td>
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<td>desktopModeOn</td>
<td>EUR-Lex</td>
<td>Cookie storing the user’s preference when in mobile but he desires to switch to desktop view</td>
<td>First-party persistent cookie, 30 days</td>
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<td>(stab, #FacetState#, PP#, Procedure#, tab-, dAoj# etc)</td>
<td>EUR-Lex</td>
<td>Cookies related to the expand/collapse state of panels</td>
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**Analytics cookies**

We use these purely for internal research on how we can improve the service we provide for all our users. The cookies simply assess how you interact with our website — as an anonymous user (the data gathered does not identify you personally).

Also, this data is **not shared with any third parties** or used for any other purpose. The anonymised statistics could be shared with contractors working on communication projects under contractual agreement with the Publications Office.

However, you are **free to refuse** these types of cookies via the cookie banner you’ll see on the first page you visit.
### Third-party cookies

Some of our pages display content from external providers, such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and links to websites managed by EU countries. To view this third-party content, you first have to accept their specific terms and conditions. This includes their cookie policies, which we have no control over. But if you do not view this content, no third-party cookies will be installed on your device.

#### Third-party providers on Publications Office websites

These third-party services are outside of the control of the Publications Office. Providers may, at any time, change their terms of service, purpose and use of cookies, etc.

#### Private data

The cookie-related information **is not used to identify you** personally and the pattern data is fully under our control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

### How can you manage cookies?

You can manage/delete cookies as you wish — for details, see [aboutcookies.org](http://aboutcookies.org)
You can delete all cookies that are already on your device by clearing the browsing history of your browser. This will remove all cookies from all websites you have visited. Be aware though that you may also lose some saved information (e.g. saved login details, site preferences).

**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. And some services and functionalities may not work properly at all (e.g. logging in to your profile).