

# COOKIES

To make this site work properly, we sometimes place small data files called cookies on your device. Most big websites do this too.

## WHAT ARE COOKIES?

A cookie is a small text file that a website saves 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.

## HOW DO WE USE COOKIES?

A number of our pages use cookies to:

- › gather anonymous statistics
- › avoid spamming in forms
- › know when a page from our website has been shared in social media
- › check if you have JavaScript enabled

Also, some videos embedded in our pages use a cookie to anonymously gather statistics on how you got there and what videos you visited. Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that some features of this site may not work as intended.

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.

### First party cookies

First party cookies are set by the website you're visiting. Only that website can read them.

### Permanent cookies

Permanent cookies are saved on your computer and are not deleted automatically when you close your browser. A permanent cookie makes it possible to disable the message about cookies on Europol after you have clicked on «Next». Another type of permanent cookies is used to update the

number of shares when a user shares a page on europol.europa.eu.

## Session cookies

The session cookies are deleted when you close your browser. They are used to verify JavaScript status on your browser (active / not active). They expire at the end of each session.

When a user submits a webform from Europol's webpage, a cookie is created storing the timestamp of submission of the specified form. This may be used in case only unique submissions per user are required for a form, or when a time interval between multiple submissions is enforced. This cookie expires in the length of the interval (if any) plus a day to compensate for timezones.

## Web analytics tool cookies

We use web analytics tool cookies for tracking visitors behaviour in order to obtain general information for the users of the website ( type of browsers used; operating systems; device types,etc). We use this information to prepare aggregated, anonymous statistics reports of visitors activity.

## Third party cookies

Europol is active on various social media platforms ( Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, WhatsApp, YouTube) with the purpose of strengthening our online presence and visibility. These social platforms may set cookies for sharing content or for producing access statistics. The presence, number and status of cookies may depend on how you use the platforms concerned before or while visiting Europol's website.

## HOW TO CONTROL COOKIES

You can **control and/or delete cookies** as you wish - for details, see [aboutcookies.org](https://aboutcookies.org). You can delete all cookies that are already on your computer and you can set most browsers to prevent them from being placed. If you do this, however, you may have to manually adjust some preferences every time you visit a site and some services and functionalities may not work.

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