What are cookies?

Cookies are data files used by 92% of websites for anything from personalising pages and remembering visitor preferences to analysis of visitor behaviour (analytics). Other uses include managing shopping carts and delivering targeted advertising.

cookie usage

Our current assessment of the intrusiveness of the cookies used by our website (http://www.eqin.eu/) is as follows:

First-party cookies

We use cookies to monitor how visitors find and use our website. We report on this activity in aggregate, and use this information solely for the purposes of monitoring and improving our website. First party cookies are specific to the host site that created them (in this case, http://www.eqin.eu/). In all cases these first-party cookies do not store any personal or sensitive information, or anything that makes you personally identifiable to us.

Third-party cookies

In addition to our first-party cookies, you may be served one or more of the following third-party cookies during your visit to our website. We use a variety of widely-used third-party plugins as marketing tools for our own business and to provide convenience tools for our visitors. In our belief the use of these plugins represents current "best practice". We have no direct control over the content of the cookies they create, the use made of any data collected, or the security of that data. These third parties may collect information about your visit to our website, and they may use this with other data in order to serve advertising which may be more relevant to you. Some visitors may see this use of data as intrusive to some degree.

Third party cookies are cookies created by an external service when you use a page on our website. These cookies are specific to the third-party's domain and accordingly the data held in them can be seen and managed by the third party and not by us. We control whether or not we use the third-party service with our website, and how it is integrated and presented on our website. We do not have control over the cookies themselves.

You will only be served these cookies if you have indicated that you consent to our use of cookies.

First-party Cookies stored by eqin.eu

Cookie: exp_tracker

Usage: Contains the last 5 pages viewed. Typically used for form or error message returns.

Expires: End of session.

Cookie: exp_last_visit

Usage: Date of the user's last visit. Can be shown as a statistic for members and used by the forum to show unread topics for both members and guests.

Expires: 1 year from date set/update.

Cookie: exp_last_activity

Usage: Records the time of the last page load. Used in conjunction with the jam_last_visit cookie.

Expires: 1 year from date set/update.

Cookie: exp_cookies_allowed

Usage: Indicates whether the user has given consent for cookies to be set.

Expires: 1 year from date set/update.

Cookie: exp_expiration and exp_anon

Usage: Indicates when some system cookies expires. Used in conjunction with logged in members only.

Expires: 1 year from date set/update.

Cookie: exp_sessionid

Usage: Used to keep track of the current logged in member. Used in conjunction with logged in members only.

Expires: End of session.

Cookie: exp_flash

Usage: Used to keep track of changes for the current logged in member. Used in conjunction with logged in members only.

Expires: 1 day from date set/update.

Cookie: exp_perpage

Usage: Number of entries to show on the Content Edit page. Used in conjunction with logged in members only.

Expires: 26 weeks from date set/update.

Cookie: exp_css_skin

Usage: A high-visibility or default layout can be selected on our site.

Expires: This cookie remembers your display preferences for three months.

Cookie: exp_remember

Usage: Determines whether a user is automatically logged in upon visiting the site.

Expires: After 2 weeks.

First-party Cookies stored by Google Analytics

Cookie: __utma

Usage: This Google Analytics cookie is typically written to the browser upon the first visit to your site from that web browser. If the cookie has been deleted by the browser operator, and the browser subsequently visits your site, a new __utma cookie is written with a different unique ID.

This cookie is used to determine unique visitors to your site and it is updated with each page view. Additionally, this cookie is provided with a unique ID that Google Analytics uses to ensure both the validity and accessibility of the cookie as an extra security measure.

Expires: 2 years from date set/update.

Cookie: __utmb

Usage: This Google Analytics cookie is used to establish and continue a user session with your site. When a user views a page on your site, the Google Analytics code attempts to update this cookie. If it does not find the cookie, a new one is written and a new session is established. Each time a user visits a different page on your site, this cookie is updated to expire in 30 minutes, thus continuing a single session for as long as user activity continues within 30-minute intervals. This cookie expires when a user pauses on a page on your site for longer than 30 minutes.

Expires: 30 minutes from date set/update.

Cookie: __utmc

Usage: The Google Analytics cookies is used for tracking. ga.js uses two cookies to establish a session. If either of these two cookies are absent, further activity by the user initiates the start of a new session.

Expires: End of session.

Cookie: __utmz

Usage: This Google Analytics cookie stores the type of referral used by the visitor to reach your site, whether via a direct method, a referring link, a website search, or a campaign such as an ad or an email

link. It is used to calculate search engine traffic, ad campaigns and page navigation within your own site. The cookie is updated with each page view to your site.

Expires: 6 months from date set/update.

Full details of the cookies which Google Analytics uses can be found in Cookies & Google Analytics in documentation for Google's Analytics tracking code. You can also read Google's Privacy Policy for Google Analytics.

We don't share the data that Google Analytics collects, and we don't believe that our use of Google Analytics is privacy-intrusive. We use the data that is collected in the following ways:

to report, in aggregate, how our visitors find and use our website;

to understand overall visitor behaviour; and

to inform how we update and improve our website.

To opt out of our use of Google Analytics you may wish to consider using the Google Analytics Opt-out Browser Add-on.

Third-party Cookies stored by Google

Cookie: SID, APISID, HSID, SAPISID, SSID, NID, PREF, ULS

Usage: These Google cookies are all typically written to the browser upon the loading of Google Maps, Street View and YouTube videos.

Expires: Range from End of session to 2 years.

Visit the following link to learn about how to reject or delete cookies by Google: http://www.google.com/intl/en/privacypolicy.html

Visit the following link to see the Google Privacy Policy: http://www.google.co.uk/intl/en/policies/privacy/

We believe there is no reason for our website visitors to be particularly concerned about the privacy implications of any of the cookies we use, but we do recognise the importance of making you aware of the purpose and scope of the data stored in the cookies which are created or updated on your computer when you visit our website. You may choose to delete these cookies from your computer between visits to our website.

We recommend that if you have concerns about the privacy implications of the cookies we use, then you should investigate how to do this using the cookie management tools in your web browser.