

What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files downloaded onto the User's device (PC, smartphone, tablet, etc.) when visiting a website. On each subsequent visit, cookies are sent back to the website that originated them (first-party cookies) or to another site that recognizes them (third-party cookies). Cookies allow a website to recognize a User's device. They serve various purposes, such as enabling efficient navigation between pages, remembering favorite sites, and generally improving the browsing experience.

They also help ensure that online advertising content is more targeted to the user and aligned with their interests (targeting or profiling cookies). Cookies may have a limited duration, lasting only for a single browsing session, and in that case, they are automatically deactivated when the browser is closed; or they may have a predetermined expiration date, in which case they remain stored and active on the user's device until that date, continuing to collect information across different browsing sessions.

Other technologies for collecting information with purposes similar to those of cookies, stored on the user's device (such as pixels), also exist. In this information, the term "cookie" refers to both cookies, as described above, and any other collection technology, with the aim of providing the User with guidance on what cookies and similar technologies are, how and why they are used, what rights are granted to Users, and what choices Users can make regarding their use.

Cookies and Similar Technologies – Definitions

Cookie: Small text files (usually made up of letters and numbers) that websites (so-called "first-party") visited by the User, or other websites or web servers (so-called "third-party"), place and store in the browser used by the User for navigation on any device capable of storing information.

Other Technologies: Technologies that store data in the browser or device used by the User using locally shared objects or local storage, e.g., Flash cookies, HTML5 cookies, and other software methods for web applications. These technologies work across all browsers. In some cases, the use of local storage cannot be fully managed by browsers but requires management through specific tools.

Categories of Cookies

Cookies can be distinguished based on their purpose, duration, and the owner of the cookie.

Cookies distinguished by purpose are those that can be installed on the User's device in order to:

- 1 ensure the functioning of the site and its services, as well as to guarantee that the User can use their functionalities, called **technical cookies**;

2 allow improvement of the performance of the site and services offered by Co.Science, as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of a service offered through the Site, called **analytical cookies**;

3 allow the Consortium or third parties to direct advertising targeted or in line with the User's interests, subject to consent, called **profiling cookies**.

Cookies distinguished **by duration** are those that may remain in the device's browser for the duration of a session (i.e., until the browser used to navigate the Site is closed or the use of a Service is interrupted) and are called **session cookies**. Alternatively, they may remain stored in the device's browser for longer periods and may contain a unique identification code, in which case they are called **persistent cookies**.

Cookies can also be distinguished **based on the entity that owns the cookie** (first-party cookies and third-party cookies).

Cookies may be the property of the site and service manager and, therefore, are installed by the latter in the browser of the user's device, called **first party cookies**. It may happen that a site contains cookies, coming from other sites, owned by third parties, contained in various elements hosted on the site itself (for example, advertising banners, images, videos, sounds...) and in this case these are called **third-party cookies**.

Cookies Used on This Website

Visiting the Co.Science project website involves the use of cookies to improve the User's experience. The site uses: **technical navigation cookies, analytical cookies, and profiling cookies for marketing purposes**.

The User can manage their preferences or refuse the installation of cookies at any time.

The User can manage their cookie preferences at any time in our **cookie center** located on the side.

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Links to Social Networks

The website contains links with social network icons (**X, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram**) pointing to Co.Science project accounts on these platforms. The use of these buttons, services, or features does not imply information exchange with these sites. The

management of information and methods to delete it are regulated by the respective platforms. Users are invited to consult the privacy policies of the respective sites:

[X \(Twitter\) >](#)

[LinkedIn >](#)

[Facebook >](#)

[Instagram >](#)

Retention Period for Personal Data Collected via Cookies

Information and data collected through cookies will be retained only for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which each cookie was installed. For specific information regarding the retention of first-party and third-party cookies and to manage preferences, the User can access the **cookie center** at any time.

User Rights and Managing Cookie Preferences

Users are granted the rights provided under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), including the rights of **access**, **objection**, **deletion**, and the ability to **modify cookie preferences** at any time via the cookie center. For more information on user rights and how to exercise them, consult the [Privacy Policy >](#)

Disabling Cookies in the Browser

In addition to disabling cookies via the cookie center, the User can configure their browser to limit the number of cookies accepted, block all cookies, or delete them from the browser, using the following methods:

1. Microsoft Internet Explorer

Click on the **Tools** icon in the upper-right corner, then select **Internet Options**. A pop-up window will appear; select **Privacy**. In this section, the User can modify the cookie settings.

Full instructions are available at: <http://windows.microsoft.com/it-it/internet-explorer/delete-manage-cookies#ie=ie-11-win-7>

2. Google Chrome

Click on the **wrench** icon in the upper-right corner, select **Settings**, then select **Show Advanced Settings**. In this section, the User can modify the cookie settings. Full instructions are available at:

https://support.google.com/accounts/topic/2373959?hl=it&ref_topic=2373957

3. **Mozilla Firefox**

From the drop-down menu in the upper-left corner, select **Options**. In the pop-up window, select **Privacy**, and in this section, the User can change their cookie preferences.

Full instructions are available at:

<https://support.mozilla.org/it/kb/Attivare%20e%20disattivare%20i%20cookie#firefox:win7:fx38>

4. **Safari**

From the drop-down settings menu in the upper-right corner, select **Preferences**, then **Security**. In this section, the User can adjust the cookie settings.

Full instructions are available at: <https://support.apple.com/it-it/HT201265>

Data Controller and Contact Information

The Data Controller is the **Italbiotec Consortium** (C.F./VAT N. 02429600121), with registered office in Milan at Piazza della Trivulziana 4/A, in the person of its legal representative pro tempore.

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The User may submit requests for information or clarifications at any time to the above address or via the additional methods indicated in the [Privacy Policy >](#)