

The European Parliament Library LibGuides - Cookie Policy

Does the EP Library LibGuides use cookies?

SpringShare LLC processes your personal data when you use the EP Library LibGuides site, acting as a controller, for their own purposes over which the European Parliament has no control. SpringShare has its own privacy policy explaining how they process your personal data when you access the site. We encourage you to read the privacy policy to learn more on how they process your data, available here: <https://springshare.com/privacy.html>.

The main purpose of using cookies is to allow a better user experience on the website and to allow the EP to improve the content by using the aggregated analytical information.

The cookies are used for the following purposes:

- Some cookies (technical) allow us to enable specific functions like logging in (for the EP Library staff), while others (analytics) allow us analyse the way you consult the LibGuides site in order to improve it.

By visiting and using the EP Library LibGuides, you implicitly accept the use of:

- all technical and session cookies, which are stored during the period set out in the Cookie Inventory
- all analytics cookies, which are stored during the period set out in the Cookie Inventory or until you delete browser cookies.
- all system logs, which are kept in line with the SpringShare (service provider) Privacy Policy, available at <https://www.springshare.com/privacy.html>

All cookies are listed and described in the Cookies Inventory below.

Are analytics cookies used?

Yes. They allow SpringShare to analyse the way the platform is used and serve for analytics and statistical purposes, as laid out in the SpringShare Privacy Policy, available at <https://www.springshare.com/privacy.html>.

How I can modify the cookie preferences?

Currently the website does not have the functionality to allow you to manage the cookie preferences, so we advise you to manage the cookie preferences via your browser settings.

The majority of browsers allows controlling the behaviour of the cookies stored on your device, including their immediate deletion, in case you do not want to store the cookies. Web browsers give users control over what cookies are stored, but each works slightly

differently. Follow these instructions to find out how to delete and manage cookies in your browser:

- [Google Chrome](#)
- [Safari \(iPhone\)](#)
- [Safari \(Mac\)](#)
- [Mozilla Firefox](#)
- [Samsung Internet \(Mobile\)](#)
- [Microsoft Edge](#)
- [Internet Explorer](#)
- [Opera](#)

You can always find more information about other web browsers by visiting their website.

“Do-not-track” functionality

This functionality prevents the users being tracked via the visited websites, and it is available in most web browsers. It is recommended that you activate this feature if you do not want to be tracked.

Cookie Inventory

Statistics Cookies - set for all visitors to the EP LibGuides site

Name	Type	Purpose	Duration	Details
sts	analytics	statistics reporting	30 minute expiration after last page view	Stores a hashed ID that is used in the statistics database for tracking interactions across user sessions. (See: LibGuides Statistics -> Sessions tab for the report of this data). It also contains the Unix timestamp for when the session started.
str	analytics	statistics reporting	6 months	Stores a hashed ID and referrer URL for tracking LibGuides page referrers in the statistics.
springy_cookie_consent	preference	cookie consent	6 months	Stores the information on whether the visitor has accepted that cookies are used and the IP address is recorded for usage statistics

Admin-Side Cookies - set for logged-in EP Library staff only

Name	Type	Purpose	Duration	Details
sc_glo_eu	technical	establishing identity and logging in	session	<p>Stores the following information:</p> <p><i>requested_url</i> so the user can be redirected to the requested page after they have logged into LibAuth</p> <p><i>account_id, email, first_name, last_name, last_seen (current timestamp)</i> after an account holder has logged into LibApps</p> <p><i>patron_id, identifier, email, first_name, last_name, last_seen (current timestamp)</i> after a patron account holder has logged into LibApps</p>
sc_lib_eu	technical	establishing identity and logging in	session	<p>Stores the following information:</p> <p><i>account_id, email, first_name, last_name, last_login (current timestamp), customer_id, site_type</i> (LibGuides, LibAnswers, etc.) after an account holder has logged into LibApps</p> <p><i>patron_id, identifier, email, first_name, last_name, last_login (current timestamp), customer_id</i> after a patron account holder has logged into LibApps</p>
sc_lib_sess	technical	establishing identity and logging in	session	<p>Stores <i>auth (current timestamp)</i> after an account holder has logged into LibApps</p>

Public-Side Cookies - set for logged-in EP Library staff only

Name	Type	Purpose	Duration	Details
sc_pub_eu	technical	tracking where user has been to enforce access to certain materials	session	<p>Stores the following information and flags:</p> <p><i>account_id, email, customer_id, site_id, passed_auth_check (current timestamp)</i> after an account holder has logged into LibApps</p> <p><i>patron_id, email, customer_id, site_id, passed_auth_check (current timestamp)</i> after a patron account holder has logged into LibApps</p> <p>flag indicating that the user has accessed a password-protected group, guide, asset, or e-reserves request form</p> <p>flag indicating that the user has accessed an IP-restricted site, group, guide, or e-reserves course</p> <p>flag indicating that the user has accessed a mobile page</p>
sc_pub_lg_sess_eu	technical	tracking where user has been to enforce access to certain materials	20 minute expiration	<p>Stores the following information:</p> <p><i>account_id, session_id, customer_id, site_id, account_level, acl (account-specific permissions), auth (current timestamp)</i> after an account holder has logged into LibApps</p> <p><i>patron_id, session_id, customer_id, site_id</i> after a patron account has logged into LibApps</p>