



## **COOKIES POLICY**

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The ANEC website uses small text files called cookies, as do almost all websites.

This cookies policy provides information on what cookies are, which cookies we use, and how they can be controlled.

If you do not wish to receive cookies, you can set your web browser to restrict or block them. All modern browsers allow you to change your cookie settings, often found in the 'options' or 'preferences' menu of the browser. To understand these settings, this link may be helpful: [www.aboutcookies.org](http://www.aboutcookies.org).

If you disable cookies, you may not be able to use all features of our website.

### **1. WHAT ARE COOKIES?**

Cookies are text files containing small amounts of information which are downloaded to your device when you visit a website. Cookies are then sent back to the originating website on each subsequent visit, or to another website that recognises the cookie. Cookies are used widely because they allow a website to recognise a user's device and therefore allow enhanced functionality.

You can learn more about cookies at [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org). Some definitions used in this policy are provided in point 3 below.

### **2. HOW DOES ANEC USE COOKIES?**

ANEC uses cookies for the following purposes:

- to compile statistical data on the use of our website and its functioning, so that we can monitor and improve it;
- to facilitate users' ability to navigate through our website, including to allow registered users to access secure parts of our website;
- to allow our website to interact with social media sites, such as YouTube.



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### 3. WHICH COOKIES DOES ANEC USE?

We use assessment programs, such as "CookieBot", to identify cookies placed on our website and to help us check the compliance of cookie providers with the GDPR and prevailing legislation.

The following cookies appear on [www.anec.eu](http://www.anec.eu):

#### **Classified as Preference cookies**

- the cookie "lang" remembers a user's language preference and expires at the end of your session.

#### **Classified as Statistical cookies**

ANEC uses Google Analytics within the site so that we can monitor activity on our website. Google Analytics cookies collect standard internet log information and visitor behaviour information in an anonymous form. For more information, see <https://bit.ly/1dm9wka>.

- the cookie "\_ga" registers a unique ID that is used to generate statistical data on how the visitor uses the website and expires after 2 years;
- the cookie "\_gat" expires at the end of your session;
- the cookie "\_gid" expires at the end of your session.

#### **Classified as Marketing cookies**

We embed videos from YouTube. YouTube's use of cookies is governed by Google's privacy policy. For more, see <https://policies.google.com/privacy>.

- the cookie "GPS" registers a unique ID on mobile devices to reflect geographical location and expires at the end of your session;
- the cookie "VISITOR\_INFO1\_LIVE" estimates users' bandwidth on pages with integrated YouTube videos and expires after 179 days;
- the cookie "YSC" registers a unique ID to keep statistics of the YouTube videos a user has seen and expires at the end of your session;
- all cookies in the format "yt-remote" store the user's video player preferences for YouTube. All expire at the end of your session, except "yt-remote-connected-devices" and "yt-remote-device-id" which are persistent.

Other cookies, classed as marketing cookies, that feature on our website are:

- the cookies "\_widgetsettings" and "local\_storage\_support\_test" from Twitter which are persistent;
- the cookie "IDE" from doubleclick.net which expires after 2 years;
- the cookie "test\_cookie" from doubleclick.net which expires at the end of your session.

#### **4. DEFINITIONS**

##### **Persistent cookies**

These cookies remain on a user's device for the period of time specified in the cookie. They are activated each time the user visits the website that created that particular cookie.

##### **Session cookies**

These cookies allow website operators to link the actions of a user during a browser session. A browser session starts when a user opens the browser window and finishes when the browser window is closed. Session cookies are created temporarily. Once the browser is closed, all session cookies are deleted.