

COOKIE POLICY

The website of the Fundació Institut de Recerca en Energia de Catalunya (IREC) uses its own and third-party cookies to ensure its proper functioning and to collect information about Users' browsing activity. Non-essential cookies will only be activated following your consent via the cookie banner/panel. IREC is responsible for the processing of personal data collected through the forms available on this Website.

1. WHAT ARE COOKIES?

Cookies are text files that are downloaded to the User's terminal device (computer, tablet, mobile phone, etc.) when they access certain web pages. Cookies allow, amongst other things, information about a User's browsing habits or their device to be stored and retrieved and, depending on the information they contain and how the device is used, they may be used to recognise the User.

Cookies are essential to the functioning of the Internet and provide benefits in the delivery of interactive services, facilitating browsing and the usability of the Website. Cookies cannot damage your device and, in return, having them enabled helps to identify and resolve errors.

2. TYPES OF COOKIES

By management and ownership:

- **Own cookies:** These are sent to the User's terminal device from a computer or domain managed by the publisher itself, from which the service requested by the User is provided.
- **Third-party cookies:** These are sent to the User's terminal device from a computer or domain that is not managed by the publisher but by another entity that processes the data obtained through the cookies.

By retention period:

- **Session cookies:** Designed to collect and store data whilst the User accesses a web page. They are typically used to store information that is only relevant for providing the service requested by the User on a single occasion.
- **Persistent cookies:** The data remains stored on the terminal device and can be accessed and processed by the party responsible for the cookie for a defined period, which may range from a few minutes to several years.

By purpose:

- **Technical or necessary cookies:** These enable the User to browse a website, platform or application and to use the various options or services available on it, including those used by the publisher to allow the management and operation of the web page and to enable its functions and services — for example, identifying the session, accessing restricted areas, remembering items in an order, carrying out a purchase, submitting a registration or event participation request, storing content for the broadcast of video or sound, or sharing content via social media.
- **Analytical cookies:** These allow the party responsible for them to monitor and analyse the behaviour of Users on the websites to which they are linked, including quantifying the impact of advertisements. Information collected through this type of cookie is used to measure activity on websites, applications or platforms and to build browsing profiles of Users of those sites, applications and platforms, with the aim of making improvements based on analysis of usage data.
- **Social media cookies:** Stored by social media providers to enable sharing buttons and plug-ins, and to track the use of those services.

3. COOKIES USED ON THIS WEBSITE

Below is detailed information about the cookies used on the Website, their purpose and duration:

Technical or necessary cookies (consent not required)

Provider	Cookie name	Type	Purpose	Duration
WordPress / CMS	wordpress_logged_in_[hash] wordpress_sec_[hash] wp-settings-[user] wp-settings-time-[user]	Own	Session management and user preferences in the CMS.	Session / 1 year
WPML	_icl_visitor_lang_sel icl_current_language wpml_browser_redirect_test wp-wpml_current_language	Own	Storage of the User's language preference.	Session / 1 day
Cookie banner	cookieLawInfo-checkbox- CookieLawInfoConsent viewed_cookie_policy	Own	Storage of the User's cookie consent preferences.	1 year

Analytical cookies (consent required)

Provider	Cookie name	Type	Purpose	Duration
Google Analytics (Google Inc.)	_ga _ga_[ID] _gid _gat	Third-party	Statistical analysis of Users' browsing behaviour and use of the Website. Google may transfer this information to third parties where required by law or where such third	_ga: 2 years _ga_[ID]: 2 years _gid: 24 hours _gat: 1 minute

			parties process the information on Google's behalf.	
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Social media cookies (consent required)

Provider	Cookie name	Type	Purpose	Duration
LinkedIn	bcookie li_gc lidc UserMatchHistory AnalyticsSyncHistory In_or	Third-party	Enabling the LinkedIn "Share" button and tracking the use of the service. You may consult LinkedIn's privacy policy at: https://www.linkedin.com/legal/privacy-policy	Variable (session to 2 years)
X (Twitter)	_twitter_sess auth_token guest_id twid kdt remember_checked_on	Third-party	Enabling the X (Twitter) "Share" button and tracking the use of the service. You may consult X's privacy policy at: https://twitter.com/es/privacy	Variable (session to 2 years)
Facebook / Instagram (Meta)	c_user fr xs sfb dbln acts usida	Third-party	Enabling the Facebook/Instagram "Share" button and tracking the use of the service. You may consult Meta's privacy policy at: https://www.facebook.com/privacy/policy/	Variable (session to 2 years)
YouTube (Google Inc.)	YSC VISITOR_INFO1_LIVE PREF GPS	Third-party	Required to play YouTube videos embedded on the Website and to analyse interactions with those videos. You may consult YouTube/Google's privacy policy at: https://policies.google.com/privacy	Variable (session to 2 years)

4. HOW TO MANAGE COOKIES?

You may manage cookies at any time through our cookie preferences panel, accessible from the Website. In addition, you may configure your browser to accept, reject or delete cookies. Below are links to instructions for the most commonly used browsers:

- **Google Chrome:** <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95647>
- **Mozilla Firefox:** <https://support.mozilla.org/es/kb/habilita-y-deshabilita-cookies-sitios-web-rastrear-preferencias>
- **Safari:** <https://support.apple.com/es-es/guide/safari/sfri11471/mac>
- **Microsoft Edge:** <https://support.microsoft.com/es-es/microsoft-edge/eliminar-las-cookies-en-microsoft-edge-63947406-40ac-c3b8-57b9-2a946a29ae09>
- **Opera:** <https://help.opera.com/en/latest/web-preferences/>

Please note that blocking certain cookies may affect the functioning of the Website and the availability of some services.

5. INTERNATIONAL DATA TRANSFERS

Some of the third-party cookies listed in this Policy (such as those from Google Analytics, LinkedIn, X, Meta or YouTube) may involve an international transfer of data to the United States or to other countries outside the European Economic Area. These transfers are carried out subject to the appropriate safeguards required by applicable data protection legislation, such as the European Commission's adequacy decision (EU-US Data Privacy Framework) or the standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission. We recommend that you consult the privacy policies of the providers listed above for further information.

6. UPDATES AND CHANGES TO THE COOKIE POLICY

IREC may amend this Cookie Policy in response to legislative or regulatory requirements, or in order to align it with the instructions issued by the Spanish Data Protection Agency or the Catalan Data Protection Authority. We therefore advise you to visit this page periodically.

When significant changes are made to this Cookie Policy, Users will be notified either by means of a notice on the Website or through other channels.

For any queries regarding this Cookie Policy, please contact IREC at dpo@irec.cat