

Cookie Policy

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The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) is committed to protecting your privacy. This Cookies Policy explains how CEMR uses cookies on the matchmaking platform to improve functionality, enhance user experience, and ensure secure and efficient operations.

What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files stored on your device (computer, tablet, or mobile phone) when you visit a website. Cookies are widely used to enable websites to function efficiently and provide information to the website's owners to enhance user experience.

There are two main types of cookies we use:

- **Session Cookies:** These are temporary cookies that expire when you close your browser.
- **Persistent Cookies:** These remain on your device until you delete them or they expire automatically.

Cookies can also be:

- **First-party cookies:** Set directly by the Platform you are visiting.
- **Third-party cookies:** Set by external service providers integrated into the Platform (e.g., analytics tools).

Cookies usage:

On the CEMR matchmaking Platform, cookies are used for the following purposes:

1. Essential Operational Cookies

These cookies are necessary for the operation of the Platform and do not require user consent. Examples include cookies that:

- Enable secure login and authentication.

- Support navigation and ensure that features like matching functionality work correctly.

2. Preference Cookies

These cookies remember your preferences and settings to enhance your experience on the Platform, such as:

- Remembering your preferred language.
- Retaining your session data to avoid repeated logins.

3. Analytics Cookies

We use analytics cookies to gather anonymised data about how users interact with the Platform. These cookies allow us to:

- Monitor usage patterns.
- Identify areas for improvement.
- Enhance overall functionality.

All analytics data collected is anonymised and used exclusively for internal purposes. This information is not shared with third parties.

Third-party Cookies

The CEMR matchmaking Platform does not use third-party cookies for marketing or advertising purposes. In certain cases, the Platform may include integrations (such as Google Analytics) to help analyse user behaviour. These tools operate under strict contractual agreements ensuring compliance with data protection regulations.

Manage Cookies

Accepting or Rejecting Cookies

When you first visit the Platform, you will be presented with a cookie banner allowing you to:

- Accept all cookies.
- Customise your cookie preferences.
- Reject non-essential cookies.

Your choice will be stored in a cookie to avoid re-prompting you on subsequent visits.



Changing Your Preferences

You can update your cookie preferences at any time through the “Cookie Settings” option available on the Platform.

Deleting Cookies

You can clear cookies stored on your device through your browser’s settings. This action will remove all cookies, including those remembering your preferences on the Platform.

Blocking Cookies

You can block cookies through your browser settings. However, blocking cookies may result in limited functionality or affect the usability of certain features, such as the matchmaking tool or secure login.

More Information

If you have any questions about this Cookies Policy or how we use cookies, please contact us at:

Email: twinning@ccre-cemr.org

This policy ensures compliance with EU data protection regulations, providing transparency on cookie use and management while maintaining the privacy and functionality of the matchmaking platform.