



## **Cookie and Similar Technologies Policy of the Scientific Center of Innovative Research**

### **1. Purpose and scope**

1.1. This Policy explains how Scientific Center of Innovative Research (SCIR) uses cookies and similar technologies on the corporate website and on SCIR specialized platforms, and what control options are available to users.

1.2. This Policy applies to visitors and users of SCIR resources, including those who interact with publishing services, conferences, online learning, and related services.

1.3. This Policy applies together with SCIR's Privacy and Data Protection Policy and the General Terms of Use.

### **2. Definitions**

2.1. Cookie means a small text file that a website stores on a user's device to ensure functionality, security, and, where applicable, aggregated analytics.

2.2. Similar technologies mean browser local storage, session identifiers, and other technical mechanisms that perform similar functions.

2.3. Strictly necessary cookies mean cookies without which the resources cannot function properly, including for sign in, security, navigation, and basic settings.

2.4. Analytics cookies mean cookies used to generate aggregated statistics about how users interact with the resources in order to improve service quality and performance.

### **3. Categories of cookies SCIR uses**

3.1. Strictly necessary cookies. These cookies are required for the basic operation of the website and platforms, including session management, authentication, protection against misuse, and security.

3.2. Analytics cookies (optional). These cookies help SCIR understand, on an aggregated basis, how users interact with the resources and allow SCIR to improve the structure, stability, and quality of services. Rejecting analytics cookies does not affect core functionality.

3.3. SCIR does not use marketing cookies.



#### **4. Purposes of cookies**

- 4.1. Ensuring resource functionality and providing access to user accounts.
- 4.2. Supporting information security, including detecting suspicious activity and protecting against misuse.
- 4.3. Maintaining stable navigation and technical continuity of sessions.
- 4.4. Producing aggregated statistics about resource usage to improve services and user experience.

#### **5. Legal basis and consent**

- 5.1. Strictly necessary cookies are used on the basis of SCIR's legitimate interest in ensuring the functioning and security of the resources, or on another legal basis provided by applicable law.
- 5.2. Analytics cookies are used only with user consent in jurisdictions where such consent is required under applicable law.
- 5.3. Where cookie settings are available on SCIR resources, users may consent, refuse, or change their choice at any time.

#### **6. User control of cookies**

- 6.1. Users can manage cookies through the cookie settings mechanism on SCIR resources where available.
- 6.2. Users can also delete cookies or block them in their browser settings.
- 6.3. Restricting or blocking strictly necessary cookies may cause certain functions to work incorrectly, including signing in, submitting forms, or accessing learning materials.

#### **7. Third parties and integrations**

- 7.1. Where third party tools are used for embedded content or other technical functions, such third parties may set their own cookies in accordance with their policies.
- 7.2. SCIR aims to minimize such cases and uses them only when necessary for functionality or justified service improvement, taking into account legal requirements and consent mechanisms.

#### **8. Retention periods**

- 8.1. Cookies may be session cookies or persistent cookies. Session cookies are deleted after the browser session ends, while persistent cookies remain for a defined period or until deleted by the user.



8.2. Retention periods depend on the cookie category and the technical configuration of the platform.

## **9. Policy updates**

9.1. SCIR may update this Policy due to changes in law, technical solutions, or platform structure.

9.2. A new version becomes effective upon publication unless otherwise stated in the change notice.

## **10. Contact**

10.1. Questions about cookies and privacy can be sent via SCIR's official contact channels published in the contacts section of the corporate website.

10.2. A request should include the name of the relevant resource or platform, a description of the issue, and the preferred method for receiving a response.