

COOKIE POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The website of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs uses “cookies” software. “Cookies” are small pieces of information (files) in plain text format stored on users' computers (or other internet-enabled devices, such as smartphones or tablets), when they visit any website.

“Cookies” help collect information necessary to measure the effectiveness of a website, improve and upgrade its content, adapt it to the users' demand and needs, as well as to measure the effectiveness of the website's presentation and promotion on third-party websites. The “cookies” used on the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs website do not collect information that identifies users, nor do they allow access to any document or file stored on their computers.

The data collected by “cookies” may include the type of browser a user is using, the operating system of the user's computer, the use of links to and from the website in question and other technical information.

2. CATEGORIES OF COOKIES

A. Strictly Necessary Cookies

Strictly Necessary Cookies help a website function properly by facilitating core functionality, such as user navigation and access to secure areas. A website cannot function properly without these “cookies”.

B. Preference Cookies

Preference Cookies allow the website to remember information that changes the way it operates or presents information to match the preferences of each user (e.g. language selection).

C. Statistics Cookies

Statistics Cookies help clarify how visitors interact with the pages by collecting information anonymously.

D. Marketing Cookies

Marketing Cookies are used to track the browsing habits of a website's visitors in order to display advertisements that are relevant and appealing to them.

3. COOKIES ON THIS WEBSITE

The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs website uses the following “cookies”:

A. Strictly Necessary Cookies

Cookie Name	Source	Cookie Purpose Description	Expiry
hex (32)	religiousaffairs.minedu.gov.gr	Facilitates the technical processing of requests to the website's systems.	Upon completion of the session

B. Statistics Cookies

Cookie Name	Source	Cookie Purpose Description	Expiry
_ga	religiousaffairs.minedu.gov.gr	Generates a unique identifier to compile statistics on how visitors use the website.	2 years
_gat	religiousaffairs.minedu.gov.gr	Used by Google Analytics to manage the rate of requests.	1 day
_gid	religiousaffairs.minedu.gov.gr	Generates a unique identifier to compile statistics on how visitors use the website.	1 day

C. Marketing Cookies

Cookie Name	Source	Cookie Purpose Description	Expiry

4. MANAGING AND DELETING COOKIES

Most web browsers provide options for managing cookies. Through their browser settings, users may allow “cookies” to be installed, disable or delete existing “cookies”, or be notified each time “cookies” are used by a website. Instructions for managing and deleting “cookies” are usually found in the “Help”, “Tools”, or “Edit” menus of the respective browser.

Users should be aware that in case they reject or disable the “cookies” on this website, the functionality of its webpages may be limited. It should also be made clear to users that disabling a “cookie” or a category of “cookies” does not delete the corresponding file from their browser. Such removal must be carried out by the user through the browser settings.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THIS COOKIE POLICY

The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs reserves the right to amend this Policy, in whole or in part, at its sole discretion and to post such amendments on this website. Any amendment

to this Policy shall take effect upon the posting of the revised Policy on the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs website.

6. CONTACT

For any questions regarding this Policy, users may contact the Data Protection Officer of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports by email at dpo@minedu.gov.gr.