

Cookie Policy

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1. Purpose

This Cookie Policy explains how GSCI uses cookies and similar technologies when you visit our website, why they are used, and how you can manage your preferences. It supports the GSCI Governance Charter and should be read alongside the GSCI Privacy Notice and Website Terms of Use.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to visitors using the GSCI website and associated digital services. It covers essential technologies used by GSCI and, where consent is given, analytics technologies provided by Google.

3. What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device when you visit a website. Similar browser technologies, such as local storage, can also remember a preference. These technologies can help websites function, remember choices and provide information about website use.

4. How GSCI Uses Cookies

GSCI uses essential technology to remember your cookie preference. With your permission, GSCI also uses Google Analytics to understand website usage, including pages viewed, general engagement, traffic sources and interactions such as outbound links and downloads. We use this information to improve the website and understand which GSCI content is useful to visitors. We do not use Google Analytics for advertising on this website.

5. Categories Used

Essential: used to remember your cookie choice and support operation of the website. These do not require optional analytics consent.

Analytics (optional): Google Analytics is disabled by default and is loaded only after you select “Accept analytics”. If you select “Reject analytics”, the Google Analytics tag is not loaded.

6. Google Analytics

GSCI uses Google Analytics 4, provided by Google, to measure how visitors use the website. When analytics is accepted, Google Analytics may set cookies such as **_ga** and related identifiers used to distinguish visits and maintain analytics information. Google may process information about your device, browser, approximate location, pages visited and interactions with the website in accordance with its own privacy terms. GSCI's Google Analytics measurement ID is **G-VHGSSBMG89**.

7. Your Choice and Consent

When you first visit the website, you can choose **Accept analytics** or **Reject analytics**. Analytics is not loaded before you accept. Your choice is remembered in your browser so that you are not asked on every page. You can change your decision at any time by selecting **Cookie Settings** in the website footer.

8. Managing Cookies

You can also use your browser settings to delete or block cookies and site data. Deleting your site data may remove the saved GSCI cookie preference, in which case the website will ask you again. Blocking optional analytics cookies will not prevent you from using the main GSCI website.

9. Third-Party Services

Where GSCI uses trusted third-party services, those providers may process information in accordance with their own privacy and cookie policies. For website analytics, the relevant third-party provider is Google. Links to external websites, including LinkedIn, are governed by the privacy and cookie practices of those external services once you follow the link.

10. Changes to this Policy

This Cookie Policy may be updated to reflect changes in legislation, technology or website functionality. The latest approved version will be published on the GSCI website.

11. Contact Information

Questions relating to this Cookie Policy may be directed to:

Managing Director, GSCI

Email: privacy@gsci.uk

Website: www.gsci.uk

Related Documents

GIGMS-GOV-001 – Governance Charter

GIGMS-DPP-001 – Data Protection & Privacy Policy

GIGMS-PN-001 – Privacy Notice

GIGMS-WTU-001 – Website Terms of Use