
UPDATED GDPR COMPLIANCE FAQs for Members and Volunteers

GDPR – the regulations

What is GDPR?

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union (EU) regulation regarding personal data. The aim of GDPR is to protect individual privacy and empower individuals so that they have greater control over how individuals or organizations that offer goods or services to EU citizens no matter where they live in the world, use and share their personal data.

Examples of personal data that may be covered under the GDPR are as follows:

- Name
- Photo
- Email address
- Posts on social networks
- IP address

When did the GDPR go into effect?

25 May 2018

How does GDPR affect IEEE and what has changed?

Due to our global presence, IEEE is committed to complying with the GDPR. There has been an update around the type of consent needed when collecting cookies and IEEE needs to download the updated GDPR script to the affected websites.

What is impacted by the new GDPR guidelines?

All IEEE Websites.

A website is defined as a collection of similar themed content hosted online and this could be for a single or multiple pages. Whether this is public facing, staff, or volunteer facing, if it is hosted on a web server and can be accessed with a URL, it is considered a website.

Example: <https://www.ieee.org>, <https://www.computer.org>, <https://www.ieee-collabratec.org>, <https://climate-change.ieee.org>, etc.

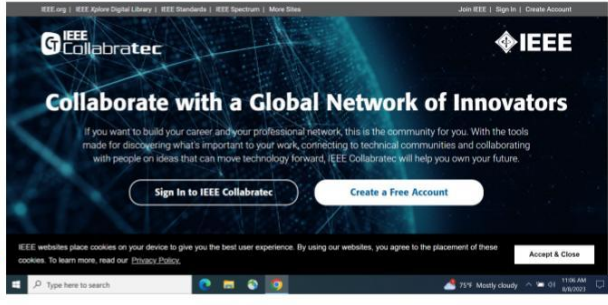
Examples of the Updated GDPR Cookie Banner

Cookie Consent Change

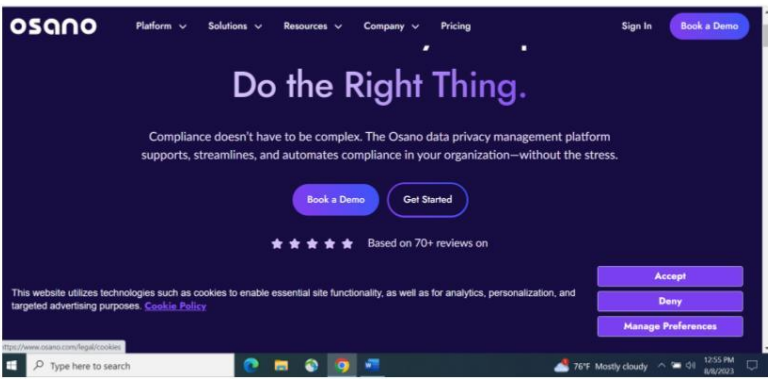
Wording to be revised:

- ▶ Accept & Close
- ▶ Deny Cookies
- ▶ Manage Preferences

Taller Box



Example



Impact to IEEE Volunteers

To ensure your website is up to date we are asking you to download an updated script to roll out the new banner to become compliant.

What do I need to do?

IEEE needs all of its affected websites to be in compliance with the new GDPR guidelines. Details to follow on where to download the new script. All compliance details will be embedded in this script.

Who do I contact to ask questions?

Please contact your current IEEE representative who will contact the key stakeholders.

When does this new script download need to be completed?

The script should be downloaded and added to your site by year end 2023 or sooner to ensure compliance.

Moving forward how is IEEE ensuring that this new process is embedded for new sites that are created

For post implementation on-going work, there will be a process that will be defined and shared.

Is the script going to manage people's preferences?

Yes, the tool will both scan the cookies on the site, and manage the preferences of the user. It will block any optional cookies they choose not to enable. The applications themselves do not need to be modified.

Impact to Members

What does GDPR mean to me as a member?

IEEE values your membership and we care about ensuring that your privacy is protected under these new regulations. We want to make sure we continue to provide you with IEEE updates, information on new products and services, and various other opportunities that you receive from IEEE today.

IEEE is currently asking for all IEEE websites to be updated based on the updated GDPR/cookie consent.

Can I update my new preferences today?

No you will be asked to select your cookie preferences once the new cookie banner is in place.

Visit the IEEE Support Center to browse the IEEE knowledgebase for answers to frequently asked questions about GDPR, submit a question, or chat with a Contact Center Associate, available to assist you 24/5, Sunday 4:30 pm – Friday 4:30 pm.