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The MSP Data Study, undertaken by the EU MSP Platform on behalf of DG MARE between February and December 2016, presents a systematic review of existing knowledge related to data in the MSP processes across 23 Member States.

The study took into account diverse perspectives (i.e. from Member State experiences, MSP projects and other relevant initiatives), various geographical scales and different points in the MSP cycle. The review provides answers to following questions:

- **What categories of data do planners usually need in each stage of the planning process?**
- **Where can data be sourced from - review of operational data infrastructures (data portals, information services and data catalogues)?**
- **What GIS mapping / data analysis tools are being used?**
- **What are known data issues from the perspective of Member States at different stages of MSP development?**

The EU MSP Platform FAQ page provides 'short-cuts' to essential results from the MSP Data Study:

- **Review of frequently used data categories, data infrastructures and assessment tools**
- **Links to relevant projects and practices identified through the MSP Data Study**
- **Practical information for MSP data issues to Member States**

The review of existing experiences provides valuable insights to both Member States developing their first MSPs, and to those starting second generation plans which require more analytical information and strategic evidence.

Full study available:

www.msp-platform.eu/faq/msp-data