

## ■ WHY USE GSIM

GSIM provides a set of standardized information objects, which are the inputs and outputs in the design and production of statistics. By defining objects common to all statistical production, regardless of subject matter, GSIM enables statistical organizations to rethink how their business could be more efficiently organized.

**Improve** communication between different disciplines involved in statistical production, within and between statistical organizations, and between users and producers of official statistics

**Build** staff capability by using GSIM as a teaching aid that provides a simple, easy to understand view of complex information, with clear definitions.

**Enable** greater automation of the statistical production process, thus increasing efficiency and reducing costs.

**Provide** a basis for flexibility and innovation, including support for the easy deployment of new statistical products and the adoption of new types of statistical data sources.



### MORE INFORMATION:

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<http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/metis>



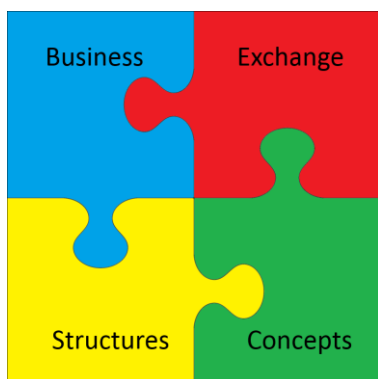
# Generic Statistical Information Model

## The High-Level Group for the Modernisation of Statistical Production and Services (HLG)

has identified the Generic Statistical Information Model (GSIM) as a key standard, in partnership with the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM), to drive the modernization of official statistics.

Official statisticians follow a set of processes, such as those described in the GSBPM, to produce official statistics. **GSIM defines and describes the information** (data, metadata, rules, parameters etc.) that flows between the steps in these processes.

GSIM's common terminology **improves communication** about the production of statistics, within and between organizations. It makes it easier and faster to collaborate and exchange tools and ideas.



## WHAT IS GSIM

GSIM provides a **common language** to describe information that supports the whole statistical production process, from the identification of user needs through to the dissemination of statistical products.

**GSIM is a strategic approach** designed to bring together statisticians, methodologists and IT specialists to modernize and streamline the production of official statistics. GSIM is aligned with relevant data management and exchange standards, such as DDI and SDMX, but it is not directly tied to them, or to any specific technology.

**GSIM is a reference framework** of internationally agreed definitions, attributes and relationships that describe the pieces of information (called “information objects” in GSIM) that are used in the production of official statistics.

## GSIM INFORMATION OBJECTS

The information objects are grouped into four broad categories:

**BUSINESS** group is used to capture the designs and plans of statistical programs, and the processes undertaken to deliver those programs.

**EXCHANGE** group is used to catalogue the information that comes in and out of a statistical organization. It includes objects that describe the collection and dissemination of information.

**CONCEPTS** group is used to define the meaning of information to provide understanding of what the data are measuring.

**STRUCTURES** group is used to structure information throughout the statistical process, so that it can be uniquely and unambiguously identified.