GSIM - work for 2020

Statistical organisations using GSIM often face similar challenges in implementing the model. Information objects in GSIM are interlinked in a way that small differences in the way organizations interpret GSIM objects can lead to very different understanding of how to use them. Also, as a more technical and recent model, GSIM needs support to develop a user community. Users of the model can greatly benefit from learning what technical options other model users chose. These needs were strongly expressed also at the ModernStat World Workshop 2019. The activities of the Supporting Standards Group in 2019 also showed some inconsistencies and needs for clarifications in GSIM v1.2.

To address these needs, the Supporting Standards Group proposed to create a dedicated task team on GSIM in Modernisation Workshop 2019. Given the limited resources, it was decided that the task team would start in April 2020.

While there is strong need for more work on GSIM, it is not yet clear which direction/output the task team should aim in 2020. Following work areas have been suggested:

1. “Soft updates” of GSIM to clarify ambiguous points and fix minor errors (more significant error needs to be compiled for the next GSIM revision)
2. Review of GSIM User Guide (2012) and update it to reflect changes made in GSIM v1.2 and recent experience
3. Review of other GSIM supporting documents (e.g. Specification, Communication)
4. Extension of GSIM Group(s) - Structure Group, Business Group

Which work area do you think is most needed? Do you have other idea for work in 2020? Any comment on the work for 2020 is welcome!