### ISSUE 433: Scope note of E77 Persistent Item

**DECISION**: The sig reviewed the amended scope note for E77 Persistent Item (HW by SS), did some more editing and accepted it. The scope note changed

#### FROM (old)

**E77 Persistent Item**

Subclass of:         [E1](file:///C%3A%5CC%3A%5CUsers%5Cbekiari%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CThunderbird%5CProfiles%5Cxyho8tm5.default%5CMail%5CLocal%20Folders%5CCIDOC-FRBR.sbd%5CIssues%20CIDOCa31b0e59%3Fnumber%3D117107084#_E1_CRM_Entity) CRM Entity

Superclass of:      [E39](file:///C%3A%5CC%3A%5CUsers%5Cbekiari%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CThunderbird%5CProfiles%5Cxyho8tm5.default%5CMail%5CLocal%20Folders%5CCIDOC-FRBR.sbd%5CIssues%20CIDOCa31b0e59%3Fnumber%3D117107084#_E39_Actor) Actor

[E70](file:///C%3A%5CC%3A%5CUsers%5Cbekiari%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CThunderbird%5CProfiles%5Cxyho8tm5.default%5CMail%5CLocal%20Folders%5CCIDOC-FRBR.sbd%5CIssues%20CIDOCa31b0e59%3Fnumber%3D117107084#_E70_Thing) Thing

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#### TO (new)

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