

# NOVAC ISTOČNOGOTSKOG KRALJA TEODORIKA IZ LUKARA U PROMINI<sup>1</sup>

## A COIN OF THE OSTROGOthic KING THEODORIC, DISCOVERED IN LUKAR, PROMINA<sup>1</sup>

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Tema je rada zlatni solid istočnogotskoga kralja Teodorika iskovani u ime bizantskog cara Anastazija. Pronađen je na području naselja Lukar, u današnjoj općini Promina, petnaestak kilometara sjeverozapadno od Drniša. Uz kratke crticu o arheološkoj topografiji Lukara, donose se opći podaci o nalazima istočnogotskog novca, posebice u južnoj Hrvatskoj, a Teodorikov solid stavlja se u širi kulturno-povijesni kontekst.

*The subject of this paper is a gold solidus of the Ostrogothic king Theodoric, which was minted in the name of the Byzantine emperor Anastasius. It was discovered in the area of the settlement of Lukar, which is located in the present-day municipality of Promina and about fifteen kilometres northwest of the town of Drniš. In addition to a brief outline of the archaeological topography of Lukar, this paper also provides general information on the findings of Ostrogothic coins, particularly in southern Croatia, while the solidus of Theodoric itself is placed in a broader cultural and historical context.*

**Ključne riječi:**

Istočni Goti, Teodorik, Anastazije, Bizant, Lukar, Promina, istočnogotski novac, bizantski novac

**Key words:**

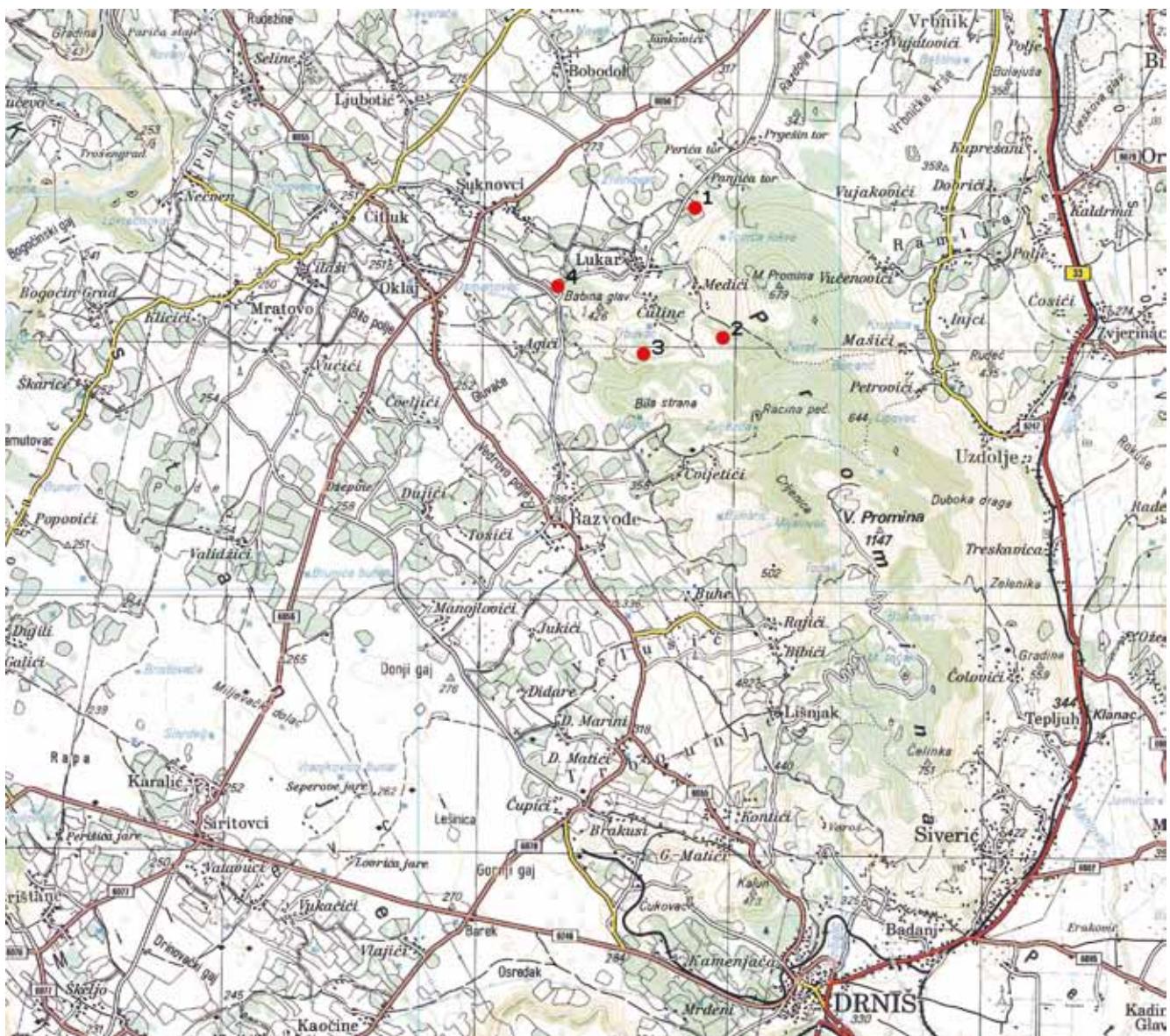
Ostrogoths, Theodoric, Anastasius, Byzantium, Lukar, Promina, Ostrogothic coins, Byzantine coins

Numizmatičku zbirku Muzeja hrvatskih arheoloških spomenika sačinjava vrijedna građa koja predstavlja važan izvor za proučavanje povijesti prostora istočne jadranske obale. Pritom je od posebne važnosti skupina bizantskog i istočnogotskog novca jer svjedoči o najintrigantnijem razdoblju hrvatske povijesti od vremena kasne antike do kraja ranoga srednjeg vijeka. U toj je skupini novca i zlatni solid istočnogotskoga kralja Teodorika, pronađen na području naselja Lukar u Promini sjeverozapadno od Drniša. Novac je kovan u kovnici grada Rima u ime bizantskog cara Anastazija. Razmišljajući koju temu odabrati za sljedeći broj „Vjesnika“ Arheološkog muzeja u Zagrebu, posvećenog kolegi Željku Demi, odlučio sam obraditi upravo taj primjerak, i to ne

The numismatic collection of the Museum of Croatian Archaeological Monuments, in Split, consists of valuable material that is an important source for studying the history of the eastern Adriatic coast. Particularly important is the collection of Byzantine and Ostrogothic coins, because it testifies to the most intriguing period of Croatian history, from the time of Late Antiquity to the end of the Early Middle Ages. Also belonging to this group of coins is the gold solidus of Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths, which was found in the area of Lukar, a settlement in Promina, northwest of Drniš, and minted in the mint of the city of Rome in the name of Byzantine emperor Anastasius. While thinking about which topic to choose for the next issue of the Journal of

<sup>1</sup> Poštovanom kolegi Željku Demi uz najbolje želje.

<sup>1</sup> To my esteemed colleague Željko Demo, along with my best wishes.



KARTA 1. Zemljopisna karta s označenim nalazištima: 1 – Kosaluša; 2 – Gradina kod Čulin; 3 – Šušelj; 4 – Gospa Čatrnska (Veliki atlas Hrvatske, 2002.).

MAP 1. Geographical map with marked sites: 1 – Kosaluša; 2 – Gradina kod Čulin; 3 – Šušelj; 4 – Gospa Čatrnska (Veliki atlas Hrvatske, 2002.).

slučajno, budući da je upravo kolega Demo velik dio svoje znanstvene karijere posvetio posvjetu istočnogotskog novca i objavio više radova na tu temu, uključujući sjajnu monografiju o istočnogotskom novcu iz zbirki u Hrvatskoj, Sloveniji i Bosni i Hercegovini.<sup>2</sup>

Lukar je naselje u današnjoj općini Promina bogatoj kulturno-povijesnom i arheološkom baštinom. Riječ je o prostoru smještenom između rijeke Krke na zapadu i sjeveru, planine Promine na istoku te Miljevaca na jugu (karta 1). Lukar je u više navrata obilazio Fra Lujo Marun, ostavivši o tome zapise u svojim *Starijarskim dnevnicima*.<sup>3</sup> Na širem području naselja postoje dvije

the Archaeological Museum in Zagreb, which is dedicated to my colleague Željko Demo, I decided on this specimen, and this not by chance. For my colleague Demo devoted a good part of his scientific career to studying Ostrogothic coins and has published several papers on the subject, including a brilliant monograph on Ostrogothic coins from collections in Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.<sup>2</sup>

Lukar is a settlement in the present-day municipality of Promina, which is rich in cultural, historical and archaeological heritage. It is an area located between the River Krka to the west and north, the mountain of Promina to the east, and Miljevci to the south

2 Demo 1994.

3 Marun 1998.

2 Demo 1994.

gradine, obje u blizini zaseoka Čuline. Opisao ih je i nacrtao još u prošlom stoljeću arheolog W. Buttler.<sup>4</sup> Površinom veća, gradina Šušelj nalazi se južno od spomenutog zaseoka. Za nju se mislio da u antici nije bila korištena, ali nalaz rimskog brončanoga okova jarma iz 1. stoljeća to je opovrgnuo.<sup>5</sup> Na Šušelju je bilo stećaka,<sup>6</sup> a u doba osmanskih osvajanja tu je podignuta utvrda koja je bila vidljiva još početkom 20. stoljeća.<sup>7</sup> Do danas od nje nije ostalo ništa sačuvano jer ju je lokalno stanovništvo razgradio koristeći kamen kao građevinski materijal. Druga gradina, smještena jugoistočno od zaseoka Čuline, egzistirala je i u prapovijesnom i rimskom razdoblju.<sup>8</sup> Između nje i Čuline je položaj toponima Mastirine, što ukazuje na moguć arheološki lokalitet. Sjeverno od Gradine vodi put korišten još od prapovijesti za prijelaz preko Promine. U rimskom je razdoblju to bila najkraća komunikacija između vojnog logora u Burnumu s područjem legionarskog posjeda tzv. *prata legionis* u Kosovu polju, južno od Knina.<sup>9</sup> Uz spomenuti okov jarma sa Šušelja, rimski arheološki ostaci u Lukaru zastupljeni su nalazima natpisa i opeke.<sup>10</sup> Brončani novac pronađen na zemljanim putu, koji sa sjeverozapadne strane Šušelja vodi prema selu, po opisu bi također trebao biti iz rimskog razdoblja.<sup>11</sup> Kasnoantička građevina otkrivena je pokraj Crkve Gospe Čatrnske koja dominira na prilazu selu s jugozapadne strane.<sup>12</sup> Moguće da je riječ o rimskom gospodarskom objektu preinačenom i korištenom u starokršćanskom razdoblju. Nalazi više ulomaka ranosrednjovjekovne skulpture ukazuju na to da je u blizini postojala predromanička crkva.<sup>13</sup> Iz grobova otkrivenih uz župnu crkvu potječu naušnica i željezna ostruga pa se, s obzirom na nalaze skulpture i stećaka, može pretpostaviti da je riječ o groblju koje se razvilo uz crkvu i trajalo do kasnoga srednjeg vijeka.<sup>14</sup> O značaju Lukara u doba ranosrednjovjekovne Hrvatske kneževine posebice svjedoče zlatnici bizantskog cara Teofila od kojih je jedan pronađen na Gradini, dok je drugi s nepoznatog položaja.<sup>15</sup> U siječnju i veljači 2021. godine s kolegicom Majom Petrinec obilazio sam Lukar u pratinji mještanina g. Josipa Čulina, koji nam je dao više zanimljivih informacija o ovome kraju.<sup>16</sup> Nas je osobito zanimalo položaj Košaluša jer je tu godine 1910., oruči njuvu, Luka Sarić iz Lukara pronašao zlatni Teodorikov novac.<sup>17</sup> Položaj Košaluša nalazi se sjeverno od sela u podnožju male Promine. Riječ je o više zemljista koja, zajedno s položajem zvanim Banica,

(Map 1). The Franciscan monk Lujo Marun visited Lukar on several occasions and left records about it in his Archaeological Journals.<sup>3</sup> There are two hill-forts in the wider area of Lukar, and both are located near the hamlet of Čuline. They were described and illustrated by archaeologist W. Buttler in the last century.<sup>4</sup> Šušelj, the larger hill-fort, is located south of the hamlet. It was thought that it had not been used in antiquity, but the finding of a Roman bronze brace belonging to a yoke from the first century refuted this assumption.<sup>5</sup> There were tombstones on Šušelj,<sup>6</sup> and also a fortress that was built during the Ottoman conquests and still visible at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.<sup>7</sup> However, there are no remains of this fortress today, because the locals dismantled it, using its stone as building material. The second hillfort, located southeast of the hamlet of Čuline, existed in prehistoric and Roman times.<sup>8</sup> Between this hill-fort and Čuline is the location of Mastirine, a toponym which indicates a possible archaeological site. North of Gradina is a road that has been used since prehistoric times to cross over Promina. In Roman times, it was the shortest connection between the military camp in Burnum with the fields of the legion, the so-called *prata legionis* in the Kosovo plain, south of Knin.<sup>9</sup> In addition to the above-mentioned brace of a yoke from Šušelj, archaeological remains from Roman times in Lukar are also represented by finds of inscriptions and bricks.<sup>10</sup> The bronze coin that was discovered on the earth road leading from the northwest side of Šušelj to the village should also be attributed to the Roman period on the basis of its description.<sup>11</sup> A Late Classical structure was discovered next to the church of Our Lady of the Well (Gospe Čatrnske), which dominates the entrance to the village from the southwest.<sup>12</sup> It is possible that this is a Roman farm building that was modified and used in the early Christian period. Finds of several fragments of early-mediaeval sculpture indicate that there was a pre-Romanesque church nearby.<sup>13</sup> An earring and an iron spur originate from the graves that were discovered next to the parish church, so, considering the findings of the sculpture and tombstones, it can be assumed that this is a graveyard that developed next to the church and lasted until the Late Middle Ages.<sup>14</sup> The importance of Lukar in the time of the early-mediaeval Croatian Principality is especially testified to by the gold coins of Byzantine emperor Theophilus,

4 Buttler 1932, 194–197.

5 Šeparović 2001. Buttler koji piše o Šušelju očito nije znao za ovaj nalaz.

6 Marun 1998, 91.

7 Buttler 1932, 194, 196.

8 Buttler 1932, 196, 197. Gradina kod Čulina.

9 Zaninović 1985, 63–73.

10 Marun 1998, 192, 206.

11 Moguće 1. ili 2. st. Podatak Josip Čulina.

12 Jurić 2018, 33.

13 Marun 1998, 72, 83.

14 Petrinec 2009, 91.

15 Marun 1998, 206; Šeparović 2020, 19. Marun za nalazište koristi množicu – u Gradinama – pa je moguće da pritom misli na prostor Mastirina i Gradine kod zaseoka Čuline.

16 Gospodinu Josipu Čulinu zahvaljujem na susretljivosti i pomoći. Zahvalnost dugujem i gospodi Ivani Čulinu, pravnici Muzeja hrvatskih arheoloških spomenika.

17 Nalazište Marun spominje kao Košaluša, ali mi ćemo koristiti izraz koji je danas uvriježen (Marun 1998, 198).

3 Marun 1998

4 Buttler 1932, 194–197.

5 Šeparović 2001. Buttler, who wrote about Šušelj, clearly did not know of this find.

6 Marun 1998, 91.

7 Buttler 1932, 194, 196.

8 Buttler 1932, 196, 197. Hill-fort near Čuline.

9 Zaninović 1985, 63–73.

10 Marun 1998, 192, 206.

11 Possibly 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> century, data from Josip Čulina.

12 Jurić 2018, 33.

13 Marun 1998, 72, 83.

14 Petrinec 2009, 91.



**SLIKA 1.** Položaj Kosaluša s ostacima Sarića tora (snimio T. Šeparović).

**FIGURE 1.** Position of Kosaluša with the remains of Sarić's holding pen (photo by T. Šeparović).



**SLIKA 2.** Pogled s Gradine kod Čulina na obronke Male Promine i prema Kosaluši (snimio T. Šeparović).

**FIGURE 2.** View from Gradina near Čulina over the slopes of Mala Promina and towards Kosaluša (photo by T. Šeparović).

čine širi prostor koji se obrađivao i gdje su od davnina bili torovi za čuvanje stoke.<sup>18</sup> Stoga, i preciznije je određivanje mesta nalaza jako teško. S obzirom na prezime nalaznika, pretpostavljam da je novac pronađen na zemlji kod Sarića tora premda se to sa sigurnošću ne može tvrditi (sl. 1–2).

one of which was found on Gradina, while the other is from an unknown location.<sup>15</sup> While visiting Lukar with my colleague Maja Petrinec in January and February 2021, we were accompanied by Mr. Josip Čulina, a local, who gave us more interesting information about this area.<sup>16</sup> We were especially interested in the position of Kosaluša, as it was there that Luka Sarić of Lukar found Theodoric's gold coin when he ploughed the field in 1910.<sup>17</sup> The

<sup>18</sup> Lokalno stanovništvo koristi i pluralni oblik Kosaluše, što potvrđuje da je riječ o više zemljišta obuhvaćenih tim imenom.

<sup>15</sup> Marun 1998, 206; Šeparović 2020, 19. Marun uses the plural form for the finding site: in Gradina. It is possible that he meant the area of Mastirine and Gradina near the hamlet of Čulina.

<sup>16</sup> My warmest words of gratitude to Mr Josip Čulina for his kindness and help. My thanks also go to Mrs Ivana Čulina, legal counsel at the Museum of Croatian Archaeological Monuments.

<sup>17</sup> Marun mentions the finding site as Košaluša, but we use the name that is common today (Marun 1998, 198).

**SLIKA 3A.** Slika aversa (snimio Z. Alajbeg).**FIGURE 3A.** Obverse (photo by Z. Alajbeg).**SLIKA 3B.** Slika reversa (snimio Z. Alajbeg).**FIGURE 3B.** Reverse (photo by Z. Alajbeg).

#### Opis novca:

Solid; Teodorik u ime Anastazija; kovnica: Rim nakon 497. godine. Zlato; dimenzije: 20 mm; težina 4.44 g; položaj kalupa 6.

Avers: DN ANASTASIVS PF AVG; poprsje cara koji nosi kacigu s perjanicom, trolisnim ukrasom i dijademom. Obučen je u *paludamentum* i oklop. Desnom rukom drži kopljje iza glave. Na lijevom je ramenu štit s prikazom konjanika koji kopljem probada neprijatelja.

Revers: VICTORIA AVCCCA; Viktorija na lijevo s dugim križem, desno osmokraka zvijezda, u egzergu COMOB.

Nalazište: Lukar – Košaluša (Košaluša)

Muzej hrvatskih arheoloških spomenika; inventarni broj 1255.

MIB 1, br. 9, Demo 1994, br. 5–7; Baldi 2014, br. 47.1;

Šeparović 2020a, 20, br. 28.

location of Košaluša lies north of the village, at the foot of Mala Promina. These are several plots of land which, together with a site called Banica, form a wider area that has been cultivated, and where holding pens for cattle have been located for a long time.<sup>18</sup> Therefore, it is very difficult to determine the location of the find more precisely. Considering the surname of the finder, I assume that the coin was found on the ground near the Sarić pen, although this cannot be claimed with certainty (Fig. 1–2).

#### Description of the coin:

Solidus; Theodoric in the name of Anastasius; mint: Rome after 497 AD.

Gold; dimensions: 20 mm; weight 4.44 gr; mould position 6.

Obverse: DN ANASTASIVS PF AVG; a bust of the emperor wearing a helmet with a feather, a three-leafed ornament and a diadem. He is dressed in a cuirass and *paludamentum*, in his right hand holding a barbed spear behind his head. On his left shoulder is a shield depicting a horseman stabbing an enemy with a spear.

Reverse: VICTORIA AVCCCA; Victoria on the left with a long cross, on the right an eight-pointed star, in exergue COMOB.

Finding place: Lukar-Košaluša (Košaluša)

Museum of Croatian Archaeological Monuments; inventory number 1255.

MIB 1, no. 9; Demo 1994, nos 5–7; Baldi 2014, no. 47.1;

Šeparović 2020a, 20, no. 28.

<sup>18</sup> The locals also use the plural form, Košaluše, which confirms that the name refers to several plots.

Zlatni Teodorikov solid, kovan u ime bizantskog cara Anastazija, emitiran je iz kovnice grada Rima koji Istočni Goti zauzimaju nakon 490. godine. Od tada se tu kuju zlatnici i srebrnjaci u ime bizantskih vladara kao znak poštovanja cara u Konstantinopolu te priznanja njegove vrhovne vlasti na teritoriju nekadašnjega Rimskog Carstva.<sup>19</sup> Od sličnih primjeraka kovanih u Konstantinopolu razlikuje se stilski, odnosno još kvalitetnijom izradom prikaza na aversu i reversu.<sup>20</sup> Razlike su i u legendi – na aversu konstantinopolskog solida kratica je PP, a na rimskom PF.<sup>21</sup> Najučljivija je razlika u egzergu reversa gdje rimske solidi imaju natpis COMOB, a konstantinopolski CONOB.<sup>22</sup> Karakteristika je rimskega solida označena A na kraju legende reversa, što označava prvu i jednu jedinu officinu za zlatne novce.<sup>23</sup> Često imaju i slova u ligaturi u polju reversa lijevo, što nije slučaj kod lukarskog primjerka.<sup>24</sup> Po svom stilu, ovakvi solidi slijede ranije Zenonove primjerke koje karakterizira poprsje  $\frac{3}{4}$  u desno, temeljeno na tradiciji rimskog novčarstva. Ovaj je tip novca kovan za cijele Teodorikove, Atalarikove, a moguće i kratke Teodahadove vladavine.<sup>25</sup> Identični primjerici Teodorikova solida registrirani su u muzejskim zbirkama, ali, na žalost, bez točnih podataka o mjestu nalaza.<sup>26</sup> Inačice toga novca nalazimo u skupnim nalazima na otocima Kaprije<sup>27</sup> i Ist (pod Turtulov).<sup>28</sup> Po opisima znamo da pripadaju tipu koji, za razliku od primjerka iz Lukara, imaju označku u polju reversa. Zlatni su Teodorikovi solidi registrirani na još dva nalazišta u Hrvatskoj. Jedan, također kovan u Anastazijevo ime, porijeklom iz Dubrovnika, nekad se nalazio u zbirci Arheološkog muzeja u Zadru, ali, na žalost, nije preživio ratni vihor.<sup>29</sup> Drugi je primjerak iz Baćina kod Hrvatske Kostajnice, kovan u ime Justina I.<sup>30</sup> Češće su zlatne Teodorikove tremise kovane za Anastazija. Najsjeverniji je hrvatski nalaz u Sisku.<sup>31</sup> U Lici su zabilježena četiri primjerka, i to u mjestima Kupirovo,<sup>32</sup> Križpolje,<sup>33</sup> Donji Vaganac<sup>34</sup> te na području Gospića.<sup>35</sup> Iz Bosne i Hercegovine poznati su primjerici iz područja Tomislavgrada<sup>36</sup> i Banjalučke regije,<sup>37</sup> zatim grobni nalaz iz mjesta Donje Vrtoče – Morača kod Drvara<sup>38</sup> te iz Brezika Laminci kod

The gold solidus of Theodoric, minted in the name of Byzantine emperor Anastasius, was issued by the mint of the city of Rome, which was occupied by the Ostrogoths after 490. Since then, gold and silver coins had been minted there in the name of Byzantine rulers as a sign of respect for the emperor in Constantinople and recognition of his supreme authority in the territory of the former Roman Empire.<sup>19</sup> This solidus differs in terms of style from similar specimens minted in Constantinople, displaying an even better minting quality on the obverse and reverse.<sup>20</sup> Differences are also evident in the legend; the obverse of the Constantinople solidus shows the abbreviation PP, while the Roman shows PF.<sup>21</sup> The most noticeable difference is in the exergue of the reverse; the Roman solidus has the inscription COMOB, and the Constantinople has CONOB.<sup>22</sup> The distinctive feature of Roman solidi is the mark A at the end of the legend on the reverse, which denotes the first and, at the same time, only officina for gold coins.<sup>23</sup> They often also have letters in the ligature in the field on the reverse on the left, which is not the case with the specimen from Lukar.<sup>24</sup> In their style, these solidi follow earlier specimens of Zeno, which are characterized by a bust  $\frac{3}{4}$  to the right, based on the tradition of Roman coins. This type of coin was minted throughout the reigns of Theodoric and Athalaric, and possibly during the brief rule of Theodahad.<sup>25</sup> Identical specimens to Theodoric's solidus have been registered in museum collections – but, unfortunately, without any exact data on the site of the find.<sup>26</sup> Variants of these coins have been discovered in hoards on the islands of Kaprije<sup>27</sup> and Ist (below Turtulov).<sup>28</sup> We know from their descriptions that they belong to a type which, unlike the specimen from Lukar, has a mark in the reverse field. Theodoric's gold solidi have been recorded at two other sites in Croatia. One originally from Dubrovnik, also minted in the name of Anastasius, was once in the collection of the Archaeological Museum in Zadar, but, unfortunately, did not survive the turmoil of war.<sup>29</sup> The second specimen is from the village of Baćin, near Hrvatska

19 Grierson, Blackburn 1986, 432–434. Kuju se i brončani novci.

20 Grierson, Blackburn 1986, 34.

21 MIB 1, 80.

22 Marun čini pogrešku pri opisu novca navodeći CONOB vjerojatno zbog činjenice da je isti dan ranije za Muzej otkupio dva Zenonova zlatnika s takvim natpisom (Marun 1998, 197, 198).

23 Vidi koment kustosa u: [https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/C\\_1864-1128-217](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/C_1864-1128-217).

24 MIB 1, br. 7.

25 Za primjerke Atalarika i Teodahada, vidi: MIB 1, br. 28; Demo 1994, 91, 98.

26 Demo 1981, 475, br. 6; Demo 1994, 76, 77, br. 5–7.

27 Bulić 1901, 70; Demo 1994, 76, br. 4.

28 Bulić 1900, 192; Demo 1994, 76, br. 3.

29 Demo 1994, 86, br. 82; Demo 1996, 176, br. 8.

30 Demo 1994, 86, br. 90.

31 Pronaden u Kupi (Demo 1994, 83, br. 66; Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 143, br. 2).

32 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 204, br. 813.

33 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 203, br. 803.

34 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 203, br. 798.

35 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 204, br. 811.

36 Patsch 1900, 565, br. 37.

37 Demo 1994, 83, br. 65. Demo prepostavlja da potječe iz okolice Prijedora (Demo 1996, 173).

38 Patsch 1900, 565, br. 36; Demo 1994, 78, br. 13.

19 Grierson, Blackburn 1986, 432–434. Bronze coins are also minted.

20 Grierson, Blackburn 1986, 34.

21 MIB 1, 80.

22 Marun himself makes a mistake when describing the coins, citing CONOB, probably due to the fact that he bought two Zeno gold coins with such an inscription for the Museum the same day (Marun 1998, 197, 198).

23 See curator's comment on [https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/C\\_1864-1128-217](https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/C_1864-1128-217)

24 MIB 1, No. 7.

25 For specimens of Athalaric and Theodahad, see MIB 1, No. 28; Demo 1994, 91, 98.

26 Demo 1981, 475, No. 6; Demo 1994, 76, 77, Nos 5–7.

27 Bulić 1901, 70; Demo 1994, 76, No. 4.

28 Bulić 1900, 192; Demo 1994, 76, No. 3.

29 Demo 1994, 86, No. 82; Demo 1996, 176, No. 8.

Bosanske Gradiške.<sup>39</sup> Najbrojniji nalazi zlatnih Teodorikovih tremisa u ime Anastazija ipak su iz južne Hrvatske, a zabilježeni su na sljedećim nalazištima: Medviđa,<sup>40</sup> okolica Benkovca,<sup>41</sup> Solin,<sup>42</sup> Danilo,<sup>43</sup> Grahovo kod Dubravica,<sup>44</sup> Nin,<sup>45</sup> Škabrnje<sup>46</sup> te čak pet primjeraka u skupnom nalazu Klapavice kod Klisa.<sup>47</sup> Iz tog su nalaza i dvije Teodorikove srebrne  $\frac{1}{4}$  silikve kovane u ime Anastazija<sup>48</sup> te jedna Teodorikova tremisa kovana u ime Zenona.<sup>49</sup> Imitacija je takve tremise poznata iz Perušića kod Benkovca.<sup>50</sup> Zanimljivo je ovdje ukazati i na nalaze istovremenih carskih Anastazijevih zlatnika jer su i oni bili u redovnom optjecaju na ovom prostoru, zajedno s istočnogotskim novcem. Na drniškom području to je solid konstantinopolske kovnice, pronađen u mjestu Umljanović koji se nalazi na pravcu rimske ceste Salona, Andetrij, Burnum.<sup>51</sup> Anastazijeva je tremisa pronađena u Kadinoj Glavici,<sup>52</sup> dok se u Tepljuhu na položaju Klanac s istočne strane Promine spominje Anastazijev zlatnik a da se ne navodi nominala.<sup>53</sup> Na neutvrđenoj nalazištu kninskog područja zabilježen je jedan Anastazijev solid,<sup>54</sup> dok je iz mjesta Pađene Anastazijeva tremisa.<sup>55</sup>

Sudeći prema arheološkim nalazima, Istočnih Gota u Dalmaciji nije bilo puno, no bili su dobro organizirani.<sup>56</sup> O njihovoj materijalnoj ostavštini dosta je pisano u stručnoj i znanstvenoj literaturi.<sup>57</sup> Što se numizmatičkih nalaza tiče, gledajući područje rimske Dalmacije, koju su zaposjeli 493. godine, tu je zabilježeno 60 primjeraka istočnogotskog novca s koliko-toliko poznatim mjestom nalaza.<sup>58</sup> Nalaza je najviše na obali i u zaobalu, dok ih je duboko u unutrašnjosti znatno manje. Recimo da ih je u Bosni i Hercegovini zabilježeno samo devet primjeraka.<sup>59</sup> Može se pretpostaviti da ga je na tom području bilo više jer je unutrašnjost provincije

Kostajnica, minted in the name of Justin I.<sup>60</sup> Theodoric's gold tremisses were more often minted for Anastasius. The northernmost find in Croatia was discovered in Sisak.<sup>61</sup> Four specimens have been recorded in Lika: in the settlements of Kupirovo,<sup>62</sup> Križpolje<sup>63</sup> and Donji Vaganac,<sup>64</sup> and in the area of Gospic.<sup>65</sup> From Bosnia and Herzegovina, we know about specimens from the area of Tomislavgrad<sup>66</sup> and the Banja Luka region,<sup>67</sup> as well as a grave find from the settlement at Donje Vrtoče-Morača, near Drvar,<sup>68</sup> and from Laminci Brezici, near Bosanska Gradiška.<sup>69</sup> The most numerous finds of Theodoric's gold tremisses in the name of Anastasius originate from southern Croatia. They were recorded at the following sites: Medviđa,<sup>70</sup> surroundings of Benkovac,<sup>71</sup> Solin,<sup>72</sup> Danilo,<sup>73</sup> Grahovo near Dubravica,<sup>74</sup> Nin,<sup>75</sup> Škabrnja,<sup>76</sup> and as many as five specimens in the hoard of Klapavica, near Klis.<sup>77</sup> Also belonging to this find are two Theodoric silver quarter-siliquae minted in the name of Anastasius,<sup>78</sup> and one Theodoric tremissis minted in the name of Zeno.<sup>79</sup> An imitation of such a tremissis is known from Perušić, near Benkovac.<sup>80</sup> Also worth mentioning here are findings of contemporaneous imperial gold coins of Anastasius, because they – together with Ostrogothic coins – were also in regular circulation in this area. In the Drniš area, it is a solidus of the Constantinople mint that was found in the village of Umljanović, which is located along the Roman road Salona- Andetrium-Burnum.<sup>51</sup> Anastasius's tremissis was found in Kadina Glavica,<sup>52</sup> while in Tepljuh, at the site of Klanac on the east side of Promina, an Anastasius gold coin is mentioned without statement of the denomination.<sup>53</sup> One solidus of Anastasius was found at an unidentified site in the area of Knin,<sup>54</sup> and one tremissis of Anastasius in the village of Pađene.<sup>55</sup>

39 Radić, Ivanišević 2006, 104, br. 208.

40 Demo 1994, 86, br. 83.

41 Demo 1994, 81, br. 51.

42 Demo 1994, 78, br. 16.

43 Demo 1994, 86, br. 84.

44 Demo 1994, 84, br. 68.

45 Demo 1994, 86, br. 85.

46 Demo 1994, 78, br. 17.

47 Šeparović 2009, 30, 31, br. 7–11.

48 Šeparović 2009, 31, 32, br. 15, 16.

49 Šeparović 2009, 30, br. 5.

50 Demo 1994, 106, br. 249.

51 Marun 1998, 86.

52 Šeparović 2020, 18.

53 Marun 1998, 137; Šeparović 2020, 35.

54 Patsch 1900, 565; Šeparović 2020, 102, 103. Primjerak je probušen i obrezan.

55 Marun 1998, 128; Šeparović 2020, 112, br. 7.

56 O organizaciji uprave i ostalih vidova života za vrijeme istočnogotske vlasti u Dalmaciji, vidi u Šišić 1925, 167–174; Gračanin 2015, 24–26.

57 Arheološkom ostavštinom Istočnih Gota posebno se bavio Zdenko Vinski, a u novije doba Ante Uglešić koji je na tome i doktorirao. Popis njihovih i ostalih radova na tu temu, vidi u Uglešić 1996, 167, 168.

58 U muzejskim i privatnim zbirkama registrirano ih je oko 120. Demo 1981; Demo 1994; Demo 1996, 169. Od ove objave prošlo je četvrt stoljeća pa su i podaci nešto izmijenjeni. Općenito o istočnogotskom novcu, također vidi Arslan 1989, Metlich 2004, Baldi 2014.

59 Demo 1994, 34, 78, 83, 87, 93, 98; Demo 1996, 175, 176, 178.

30 Demo 1994, 86, No. 90.

31 Discovered in the River Kupa (Demo 1994, 83, No. 66; Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 143, No. 2).

32 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 204, No. 813.

33 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 203, No. 803.

34 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 203/798.

35 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 204/811.

36 Patsch 1900, 565, No. 37.

37 Demo 1994, 83, No. 65. Demo assumes that it comes from the vicinity of Prijedor (Demo 1996, 173).

38 Patsch 1900, 565, No. 36; Demo 1994, 78, No. 13.

39 Radić, Ivanišević 2006, 104, No. 208.

40 Demo 1994, 86, No. 83.

41 Demo 1994, 81, No. 51.

42 Demo 1994, 78, No. 16.

43 Demo 1994, 86, No. 84.

44 Demo 1994, 84, No. 68.

45 Demo 1994, 86, No. 85.

46 Demo 1994, 78, No. 17.

47 Šeparović 2009, 30, 31, Nos 7–11.

48 Šeparović 2009, 31, 32, Nos 15, 16.

49 Šeparović 2009, 30, No. 5.

50 Demo 1994, 106, No. 249.

51 Marun 1998, 86.

52 Šeparović 2020, 18.

53 Marun 1998, 137; Šeparović 2020, 35.

54 Patsch 1900, 565; Šeparović 2020, 102, 103. The specimen was pierced and trimmed.

55 Marun 1998, 128; Šeparović 2020, 112, No. 7.



**SLIKA 4.** Pogled s bedema Gradine kod Čulina na gradinu Šušelj (snimio T. Šeparović).

**FIGURE 4.** View from the Gradina ramparts near Čulina over the Šušelj hill-fort (photo by T. Šeparović).

Dalmacije bila Istočnim Gotima posebno značajna zbog rudnog bogatstva.<sup>60</sup> Razlog leži u tome što dobar dio bizantskog novca toga vremena nije bilo moguće pregledati pa je veliko pitanje u kojoj je mjeri taj novac točno atribuiran. Sasvim je izvjesno da dio novca, posebno zlatnika, pripada istočnogotskim kovnicama. Deset primjeraka srebrnog i brončanog istočnogotskoga novca pronadjenog u Sisku ukazuje na značaj centra Panonije Savije koja je u to doba, zajedno s Dalmacijom, činila jednu upravnu cjelinu.<sup>61</sup>

S nalazišta južne Hrvatske potječe ukupno 44 primjerka istočnogotskog novca. Od toga ih je u sjevernoj Dalmaciji evidentirano 13, u srednjoj Dalmaciji 27, a u južnoj 4 (tablica 1). Uspoređujući njihov udio u južnoj Hrvatskoj, uočavamo znatno veći postotak Teodorikovih kovova emitiranih u ime Anastazija u odnosu na novac ostalih vladara. U srednjoj Dalmaciji je udio tih kovova samo nešto veći od udjela Atalarikova novca kovanog u ime Justinijana. Jasno je da su Istočni Goti koncentrirali glavninu svojih snaga oko Salone, što je vidljivo i po numizmatičkim nalazima. Pregledom nalaza postaje jasno da se dotok istočnogotskog novca prema sredini 6. stoljeća postupno smanjuje. Takvo stanje

Judging by the archaeological findings, there were not many Ostrogoths in Dalmatia; they were, however, well organized.<sup>62</sup> Much has been written about their material legacy in the expert and scientific literature.<sup>63</sup> As for numismatic finds in the area of Roman Dalmatia, which they occupied in 493, sixty specimens of Ostrogothic coins are recorded with more or less known places of discovery.<sup>64</sup> Most specimens were found on the coast and in the hinterland, while their numbers significantly decrease deeper into the interior of the country. Only nine of them have been discovered in Bosnia and Herzegovina.<sup>65</sup> It can be assumed that there were more of them in this area, because the interior of the province of Dalmatia was particularly important to the Ostrogoths, due to its mineral resources.<sup>66</sup> The reason lies in the fact that a significant number of the Byzantine coins of that time could not be examined; hence the big question is to what extent the coins have been exactly attributed. It is quite certain that some of the coins, especially the gold coins, belong to Ostrogothic mints. Ten Ostrogothic silver and bronze coins found in Sisak indicate the importance of the centre of Pannonia Savia, which at that time formed one administrative unit together with Dalmatia.<sup>67</sup>

60 Šišić 1925, 169.

61 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 142.

56 On the organization of the administration and other aspects of life during the Ostrogoth rule in Dalmatia, see Šišić 1925, 167–174; Gračanin 2015, 24–26.

57 Especially Zdenko Vinski, and more recently Ante Uglešić, who also received his doctorate on this topic, have dealt with the archaeological legacy of the Ostrogoths. For a list of their works and others' on this subject, see Uglešić 1996, 167, 168.

58 About 120 of them have been registered in museum and private collections. Demo 1981; Demo 1994; Demo 1996, 169. A quarter of a century has passed since this publication, so the data has changed somewhat. On Ostrogothic coinage in general, see also: Arslan 1989, Metlich 2004, Baldi 2014.

59 Demo 1994, 34, 78, 83, 87, 93 98; Demo 1996, 175, 176, 178.

60 Šišić 1925, 169.

61 Mirnik, Šemrov 1998, 142.

**SLIKA 5.** Pogled s Gradine kod Čulina na prijevoj preko Promine (snimio T. Šeparović).

**FIGURE 5.** View from Gradina near Čuline of the pass over Promina (photo by T. Šeparović).



Vladar / Ruler	Sjeverna Dalmacija / Northern Dalmatia	Srednja Dalmacija / Central Dalmatia	Južna Dalmacija / Southern Dalmatia
Teodorik / Theodoric (488–526)	10	10	1
Atalarik / Athalaric (526–534)	1	8	1
Teodahad / Theodahad (534–536)		4	1
Vitigis / Vitiges (536–540)	1	4	1
Totila / Totila (541–552)	1	1	

**TABLICA 1.** Broj primjeraka istočnogotskog novca po carevima u južnoj Hrvatskoj (izradio T. Šeparović).

**TABLE 1.** Number of specimens of Ostrogothic coins by emperors in southern Croatia (made by T. Šeparović).

A total of 44 specimens of Ostrogothic coinage originate from finding sites in southern Croatia, of which 13 were recorded in northern Dalmatia, 27 in central Dalmatia and 4 in southern Dalmatia (Table 1). Comparing their proportion in southern Croatia, we notice a significantly higher percentage of Theodoric's coins minted in the name of Anastasius than of the coins of other rulers. In central Dalmatia, the proportion of these coins is only slightly higher than the proportion of Athalaric's coins minted in the name of Justinian. It is clear that the Ostrogoths stationed the majority of their military forces around Salona, which is also evident from the numismatic findings. A review of the findings reveals that the inflow of Ostrogothic coins gradually decreased towards the mid-6<sup>th</sup> century. Such a situation can be explained by the political crisis in the second third of the 6<sup>th</sup> century, when Emperor Justinian launched a decisive military action against the Ostrogoths to defend Byzantine interests. Valuable information about the war that broke out, especially around Salona, was given by the historian Procopius of Caesarea.<sup>62</sup> After the fortune of war eventually turned, the Byzantine military leader Constantianus was finally able to liberate Salona in 536 and successfully defend it in the years that followed, thereby bringing all Dalmatia permanently under Byzantine rule, while the Goths retreated towards Italy.<sup>63</sup> With respect to the subject of this paper, particularly interesting are the events and developments happening at that time in the area west of the Promina mountain, especially in the middle course of the River Krka, where the most important settlement was Burnum. The find of Theodoric's gold solidus at Lukar should hence be linked to the situation in Burnum during the dominance of the Ostrogoths, bearing in mind that such gold coins could have been in circulation over a long

<sup>62</sup> Goldstein 1992, 23.

<sup>63</sup> Šišić 1925, 172, 173.

može se objasniti političkom krizom u drugoj trećini 6. stoljeća, kada car Justinijan u obrani bizantskih interesa od Istočnih Gota pokreće odlučnu vojnu akciju. O ratu koji se razbuktao, posebno oko Salone, podatke donosi povjesničar Prokopije iz Cezareje.<sup>62</sup> Nakon promjenjive ratne sreće, konačno 536. godine Salonu oslobađa, a u sljedećim godinama i uspješno brani, bizantski vojskovođa Konstancijan. Time cijela Dalmacija trajno potpada pod bizantsku vlast, a Goti se povlače prema Italiji.<sup>63</sup> Zbog teme rada, posebno je zanimljivo što se u to doba događa s prostorom zapadno od planine Promine, posebice srednjeg toka rijeke Krke, gdje je najvažnije naselje bilo Burnum. Nalaz zlatnog Teodorikova solidia iz Lukara upravo treba povezati s prilikama u Burnumu tijekom istočnogotske vladavine, pri čemu treba imati na umu da su ovakvi zlatnici mogli biti dugo u opticaju, što potvrđuju skupni nalazi novca.<sup>64</sup> Taj nekadašnji rimski vojni logor i municipij bio je Istočnim Gotima od velike važnosti i od početka njihove vladavine u Dalmaciji mjesto gdje su boravili gradski službenici, odnosno magistrati podložni gotskom komesu, ali i vojne jedinice.<sup>65</sup> U Burnum se privremeno sklonila gotska vojska i prije zadnjeg pokušaja da Salonu vrati pod svoju vlast.<sup>66</sup> Tada se pojavljuju stari rimski bedemi radi što sigurnijeg boravka vojnih postrojbi na tome mjestu. Poznato je da su Goti dobivali trećinu državnog zemljišta, kakvog je bilo i na širem području Promine sa zapadne i istočne strane.<sup>67</sup> Sva je ta zemlja, pa tako i oranice i pašnjaci na prostoru Kosaluša, te između Šušelja i gradine kod zaseoka Čuline, u rimsko vrijeme bila dio burnumskog agera, a dijelom je kasnije pripala Gotima (sl. 4).<sup>68</sup> Uz izvore vode, zemlja je bila prijeko potrebna za proizvodnju hrane, uzgoj žitarica te ispašu sitnije stoke.<sup>69</sup> Nakon zauzimanja Dalmacije, a posebno u doba rata s Bizantom, ključno je bilo osigurati upravna mjesta poput Burnuma, držeći vojne posade na strateškim punktovima u blizini, kao što je to bio slučaj s uporištima u zaledu Salone.<sup>70</sup> Za osiguranje Burnuma s istočne strane značajna su bila strateška uporišta kod Lukara, Šušelj i gradina kod zaseoka Čuline jer se tuda, preko prijevoja na Promini iz pravca salonitanskog zaleđa, moglo izbiti na Krku u njegovu blizinu (sl. 5). To je područje bilo posebno osjetljivo zbog više pogodnih riječnih prijelaza. Za logističku potporu, odnosno opskrbu prijeko potrebnim namirnicama vojnih posada smještenih na tim položajima, važni su bili pašnjaci i oranice u blizini, poput onih na prostoru Kosaluše. Vojne posade, zadužene za osiguranje naselja i prometnica, bile su najčešće plaćene u zlatnom novcu te je i Teodorikov solid iz Lukara, bez sumnje, bio u toj funkciji. Koliko je dugo kolao prije negoli je dospio u zemlju, teško je reći, no, budući da je Burnum napušten oko 537. godine, pretpostavljam da je to gornja granica za dataciju njegova opticaja.

62 Goldstein 1992, 23.

63 Šišić 1925, 172, 173.

64 Primjerice, skupni nalaz iz Klapavica kod Klisa sadrži novce od barbariskog zlatnika s likom istočnorimskog cara Lava do Atalarikove  $\frac{1}{4}$  silikve kovane za Justinijana što je vremenski raspon od preko 60 godina.

65 Suić 1981, 320.

66 Goldstein 1992, 23; Gračanin 2015, 27.

67 Šišić 1925, 170; Suić 1981, 320.

68 Istočni Goti preuzimaju staru rimska razgraničenja. O legiskom teritoriju Burnuma vidi Zaninović 1985.

69 Šišić 1925, 169; Goldstein 1995, 61, 62.

70 O strateškim uporištima u zaledu Salone vidi Katić 2018.

period of time, which is confirmed by the hoard of coins.<sup>64</sup> This former Roman legion camp and *municipium* was of great importance to the Ostrogoths. From the beginning of their rule in Dalmatia, it was a place where city officials or magistrates resided, subordinated to the *comes Gothorum*, and military units were stationed.<sup>65</sup> The Gothic army temporarily took refuge in Burnum even before their last attempt to bring Salona back under their rule.<sup>66</sup> It was during that time that the old Roman ramparts were repaired so that the military troops would be as safe as possible there. It is known that the Goths were receiving a third of public land, and such land was available in the wider area of Promina on its western and eastern side.<sup>67</sup> All this land, including arable land and pastures in the area of Kosaluša, and between Šušelj and the hill-fort near the hamlet of Čuline, was part of the Burnum *ager* in Roman times, and part of it later fell to the Goths (Fig. 4).<sup>68</sup> In addition to the important water sources there, the land was indispensable for food production and the cultivation of cereal crops, and as pastureland for small cattle.<sup>69</sup> After the conquest of Dalmatia, and especially during the war with Byzantium, it was crucial to secure administrative places like Burnum and to keep military troops at strategic locations nearby, as was the case with strongholds in the hinterland of Salona.<sup>70</sup> In order to keep Burnum secure from the east, the strategic strongholds at Lukar, Šušelj and the hill-fort near the hamlet of Čuline were rather important, because there was a passage which led across the pass on Promina from the direction of Salona's hinterland right to the River Krka near Burnum (Fig. 5). This area was particularly sensitive due to several convenient crossings over the river. For logistical support, i.e. the supply of much-needed food for the military troops that were stationed at these strongholds, pastures and arable land in close proximity, such as those in the area of Kosaluša, were vital. Troops in charge of securing the settlements and roads were most often paid in gold coins, and Theodoric's solidus from Lukar was used without doubt for that purpose. It is difficult to say how long the coin circulated before it came into the country, but since Burnum was abandoned around 537, I assume that this would be the upper limit when dating its circulation.

64 For example, the hoard from Klapavica, near Klis, contains barbarous gold coins with the image of the Eastern Roman emperor Leo, and also Athalaric's quarter-siliquae minted for Justinian, which is a time span of over 60 years.

65 Suić 1981, 320.

66 Goldstein 1992, 23; Gračanin 2015, 27.

67 Šišić 1925, 170; Suić 1981, 320.

68 The Ostrogoths take over the old Roman demarcations. On the legionary territory of Burnum, see Zaninović 1985.

69 Šišić 1925, 169; Goldstein 1995, 61, 62.

70 On strategic strongholds in the hinterland of Salona, see Katić 2018.

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