



Archaeological traces of medieval and early modern European textile trade in the Carpathian Basin

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Textile production and the textile trade were crucial for European economic development in the Middle Ages, catalysing fundamental social transformations in many regions. Due to its importance, both the industry and the trade is relatively well documented in the written sources but still there are many details that remain unknown and only a group of small, usually not even attractive, greyish finds - the so-called cloth seals - might provide additional information as to, for example, the final site of consumption of particular fabrics. The number of such cloth seals has significantly increased during the last couple of decades and thus enables their proper statistical and topographical evaluation.