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Finds of Bosporan Coins in the Territory of the East-European Barbaricum

The article presents an analysis of the finds of Bosporan coins from the territory of the East-European Barbaricum. The catalogue lists the information referring to 61 finds, of which 53 can be considered as credible. The main area of the finds in question is the territory between the Dnieper and the Don, with some single archaeological sites attested in Belarus and the territory along the Volga. From the chronological point of view, the coin finds represent three phases. The first one, lasting for as long as two centuries, began at the end of the 1st century BC with an inflow of Bosporan coinage into the Barbaricum territories. Trade links between the local populations and the Bosporan Kingdom constituted the source of this inflow. The second phase coincided with the period of the Gothic Wars in the 230s – 260s. It was the period of the most intense inflow, which was directly connected with the conquest of the Bosporan Kingdom by the Germanic tribes. The third, and the last, stage took place after the end of the Gothic Wars. This phase, like the first one, was characterized by the role of trade relations in providing coinage into the Barbaricum.