

VIAȚA ECONOMICĂ ÎN COLONIA DACICA SARMIZEGETUSA

*Gică Băeștean**

Cuvinte cheie: *Sarmizegetusa, economie, comerț, ateliere, meșteșug*

Keywords: *Sarmizegetusa, economy, trade, workshops, handicraft*

Abstract: *As a large city, the Colonia Dacica Sarmizegetusa followed the global economic pattern of the Roman Empire. The first people who began to produce were those who began to build here, namely the soldiers. At the beginning, the soldiers that belonged to Legio IIII FF did it autarchically to supply their needs.*

As far as the tiles bearing the stamps of Legio XIII G are concerned, we might deal with a military production of tiles in order to restore the damaged areas outside the city walls during the Marcomannic wars.

The civil settlement had roads which provided a favorable position for a flourishing trade and people who confer it preponderance in certain domains. Trade is attested by the presence of an ingot originating South of the Danube, the presence of merchants from other parts of the Empire or of people from Sarmizegetusa in other provinces. Production of construction materials or ceramics is very well defined by the kilns found in the South and East of the city. The presence of professional associations only strengthens the idea of a business very well represented. The diversity of products is marked by the presence of glass, bone or bronze workshops. Some questions are raised about the source of imperial statues and statuettes. Were there any local shops or are we dealing with itinerant craftsmen? Current data do not help us answer these questions. The artistic expressionlessness doubled by flaws or insufficient finishing off is specific to the whole province. We could detect one great workshop, the one of Dacia, whose unit could be given by some itinerant craftsmen.

Given the wide expanse of the city and the fact that throughout the whole territorium villae rusticae or any rural settlements were discovered, the important agricultural potential should not be neglected and neither should trade in agricultural products.