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# Archeological area of Sant'Eulalia

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## ■ Coins with ceramic fragments and closets

Amongst the materials and layers of silt filling the bell-shaped cistern, we found some fragments of common pottery on which some bronze coins had oxidised (fig. 1), so abraded that the two sides could not be read so no dating was possible.



**Fig. 1** - Bronze oxidised coins on a ceramic surface (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

One of the interpretation hypotheses leads to reconnecting the fragments to several money boxes (fig. 2). This is supported by some hoards for a total of 56 coins datable between the I and V century<sup>1</sup> (fig. 3).

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<sup>1</sup> WALLS 2008, p. 281, note 10.



**Fig. 2** - Imperial period example from the Archaeological Museum of Ptuj –Slovenia (from <http://badwila.net/pottery/salvadanai/index.html>).



**Fig. 3** - Bronze coins belonging to the so-called “money closets” (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

It does not seem by chance that those finds were in the cistern, where they could have been stored as protection against theft in danger. A “coin store” was found here, a custom of hoarding<sup>2</sup> that allowed one to preserve one’s own savings in exceptional circumstances.

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<sup>2</sup> Hoarding means the accumulation and conservation of mobile riches of various types (coins and metals in general), or the action by which a closet was created to hold all the valuable objects of a person or his/her family. In this way people created a kind o reserve of assets intended to increase in value over time and which could also be relied on for future generations.



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