

# NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE FOR 8<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMPHORAE FROM NORTH ITALY

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## ABSTRACT

New excavation and research on storage room objects revealed the presence of early medieval containers in some places of North Italy, in particular in the Venetian lagoon area and in the Po delta (Comacchio). Contemporary written sources describe a significant trade relationship between the *emporìa* located in the northern part of the Adriatic and the inland territories (Lombard reign). The amphorae coming from these places are derivatives of LR2/LR13 and similar types and were produced in south Italy and east Mediterranean area. The new archaeological evidence confirms and clarifies the importance of these Adriatic emporia and sheds new light on the Mediterranean economy during the early Middle Ages.