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HRVOJE VUKČIĆ HRVATINIĆ AND THE COMMUNE OF  
SPLIT 1403 — 1413

Summary

Towards the end of 1403, at a time when his dynastic ambitions in the Balkans were rather uncertain, Ladislaus, the king of Naples, nominated the grand duke of Bosnia Hrvoje Vukčić Hrvatinić as the duke of the city of Split. Confered to him with the aim of the king of Naples to maintain his sovereignty over the Dalmatian communes, Hrvoje made use of the title »Duke of the city of Split« to subdue Split to his sovereignty, including her into his territory. The relationship of Hrvoje and the commune is a relationship of interaction. While Hrvatinić eradicated the communal autonomy which was carefully cherished for centuries, he at the same time completely accepted the cultural norms of that commune. The links established with Split determined a series of specific changes in Hrvoje's behaviour, one of them being conversion to the Catholic rite.