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THE RUSSIAN BLACK SEA EXPANSION STRATEGY  
AND THE “KINGDOM OF DACIA” PROJECT  
(Summary)

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After the Treaty of Kuchuk Kainardji, with the opening of a new stage in the expansion of the Russian Empire in the Black Sea basin, the importance of Moldavia and Wallachia is reflected, among other things, by the emergence of the “Dacian” plan, supported as a political project by several high Russian dignitaries with real influence in foreign policy. An expression of the policy of “territorial compensation” in order to maintain the balance of power in the European system, the “Dacian” project did not go beyond the level of a working hypothesis in the plans to liquidate the Ottoman presence in Europe, and it also had a pan-Orthodox ideological relevance. On the other hand, our research has shown that the “Dacian” plan is part of a broader Russian strategy to extend its domination in the Black Sea basin, adapted to the realities of relations with the other Great Powers, which aimed to incorporate into the Empire or to create outside Russian territories political buffer zones inhabited by Orthodox Christians, located in the area of territorial contact with the Ottoman Empire.

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