

Timisoara Municipality

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- located at the crossroad of the military and trade roads, becoming a main target of the dispute between the Turks and the Austrians and later on, coveted by the Hungarian bourgeoisie and aristocracy - Timisoara developed as a town around the fortified nucleus starting from the 18th century. In the period 1315-1323, King Charles Robert of Anjou establishes his royal residence at Timisoara citadel.

In 1781, Timisoara was granted privileges and was declared a free town, the credential document containing the acknowledgement of the coat of arms and of the seal. The coat of arms is divided by a horizontal line into two parts, the upper one being divided in its turn, by a vertical line. The upper left half comprises four silvery bands within a bloody plain, symbolizing the four main rivers which cross Hungary. In the right half, on a golden background, it is presented, on a green base, the former water tower of Timisoara citadel, and through its open gate, one can see a mill wheel.