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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to provide an overview of the ongoing research, which deals with the diffusion of the Byzantine belt buckles in the Mediterranean West. Specifically, the paper aims to focus on the methodological approach in use to frame the characteristics of the above-mentioned archaeological artifacts. Features such as morphology and decoration, especially if related to objects found in archaeologically reliable contexts, will be highlighted to find new insights for dating and identification of their users.