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This paper looks at the relations of Emperor Frederick III with the city of Triest/Trieste from the point of view of cultural history. Topics include the working methods of the Emperor's administration, the relative significance of written and oral administrative practices, and the recruitment and socialisation of his administrative staff. Frederick's relations with the city can be described as a communicative network. Within this framework, the participants were not merely executing the Emperor's orders but interacting in a wide range of ways. The sources investigated lay open these communicative practices between the Emperor, his court and the civic magistrates, the local bishop and the Emperor's office-holders in the city and its surroundings.