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German medieval research has underlined the importance of personal encounter with the emperor for a deeper understanding of how imperial lordship and governance worked. The study applies these new insights to the patterns of interaction in the early *Staufer* period in one of the important zones of the Italian domination of this dynasty: the Apennines. By examining the imperial itinerary and the presence of Italians at the court, in addition to making use of documents about both direct and indirect contact between inhabitants of the *contadi*, the territories of the Italian communes, and imperial authority and its representatives, the role of different stages of personal involvement and/or encounter can clearly be demonstrated for the *regnum Italie*.