**Alliances before 1914**

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| 1879 to 1918 | | **The Dual Alliance** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/ausdot.gif [Austria-Hungary](http://www.worldwar1.com/athng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/gerdot.gif [Germany](http://www.worldwar1.com/atger.htm) |
|  | Germany and Austria-Hungary made an alliance to protect themselves from Russia. | | |
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| 1881 to 1887 | | **Three Emperor's League**  **(Dreikaiserbund)** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/ausdot.gif [Austria-Hungary](http://www.worldwar1.com/athng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/gerdot.gif [Germany](http://www.worldwar1.com/atger.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/rusdot.gif [Russia](http://www.worldwar1.com/atrus.htm) |
|  | | This was an attempt to restore stability to eastern Europe by bringing Russia into the fold of the Dual Alliance. It was not to be successful as Austro-Russian problems flared again with the Bulgarian Crisis of 1886-7. | |

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| 1881 to 1895 | **Austro-Serbian Alliance** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/ausdot.gif [Austria-Hungary](http://www.worldwar1.com/athng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/ot3dot.gif [Serbia](http://www.worldwar1.com/atserb.htm) |
|  | Once again Russia was the motivation for an alliance. Austria-Hungary made an alliance with Serbia to stop Russia gaining control of Serbia 1882 and to limit possible Russian influence in the [Balkans](http://www.worldwar1.com/atbalk.htm). | |

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| 1882 to 1915 | **The Triple Alliance** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/ausdot.gif [Austria-Hungary](http://www.worldwar1.com/athng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/gerdot.gif [Germany](http://www.worldwar1.com/atger.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/miscdot.gif Italy |
|  | This alliance was formed to stop Italy from attacking Austria-Hungary in the event of war with Russia. | |

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| 1883 to 1916 | **The Austro-German-Romanian Alliance** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/ausdot.gif [Austria-Hungary](http://www.worldwar1.com/athng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/gerdot.gif [Germany](http://www.worldwar1.com/atger.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/miscdot.gif Romania |
|  | Similar in concept to the [Serbian Alliance](http://www.worldwar1.com/tlalli.htm#ausserb), this alliance was motivated by perceived Russian intentions in the [Balkans](http://www.worldwar1.com/atbalk.htm). | |

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| 1894 to 1917 | **Franco-Russian Alliance** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/fradot.gif [France](http://www.worldwar1.com/atfra.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/rusdot.gif [Russia](http://www.worldwar1.com/atrus.htm) |
|  | This major lasting alliance was the Russian reaction to several events of the day:   * The new German Chancellor [Caprivi](http://www.worldwar1.com/biogcap.htm) ended the treaty with Russia * Germany renewed [the Triple Alliance](http://www.worldwar1.com/tlalli.htm#triple) * Germany also got friendly with the "*Mediterranean Entente*" (Britain, Italy and Spain against Russia and France)   As a result, Russia formed an alliance with France to protect herself against Germany and Austria-Hungary. | |

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| 1902 to 1913 | **Russo-Bulgarian Military Convention** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/miscdot.gif Bulgaria http://www.worldwar1.com/images/rusdot.gif [Russia](http://www.worldwar1.com/atrus.htm) |
|  | Bulgaria, newly independent from the [Ottoman Empire](http://www.worldwar1.com/attur.htm), allied itself with Russia in an attempt to ward off the possibility of Austro-Hungarian aggression. | |

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| 1904 to 1918 | **The Entente Cordiale** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/fradot.gif [France](http://www.worldwar1.com/atfra.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/engdot.gif [Great Britain](http://www.worldwar1.com/ateng.htm) |
|  | This agreement between Great Britain and France was more a sign of healing relations than an actual military alliance. | |

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| 1907 to 1917 | **The Anglo-Russian Entente** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/engdot.gif [Great Britain](http://www.worldwar1.com/ateng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/rusdot.gif [Russia](http://www.worldwar1.com/atrus.htm) |
|  | Great Britain and Russia, having settled their differences, took this final step toward the Triple Entente. | |

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| 1907 to 1917 | **The Triple Entente** | http://www.worldwar1.com/images/engdot.gif [Great Britain](http://www.worldwar1.com/ateng.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/fradot.gif [France](http://www.worldwar1.com/atfra.htm) http://www.worldwar1.com/images/rusdot.gif [Russia](http://www.worldwar1.com/atrus.htm) |
|  | The Triple Entente was made to counter the increasing threat from Germany as a result of worsening relations between Germany and Great Britain due to the naval arms race, and Germany's attempt to exploit the Russian defeat in the Russo-Japanese War of 1905. | |

http://www.worldwar1.com/tlalli.htm (adapted)