





ALLIANCES BEFORE 1914


1879 to 1918	The Dual Alliance	 Austria-Hungary  Germany
Germany and Austria-Hungary made an alliance to protect themselves from Russia.		

1881 to 1887	Three Emperor's League (Dreikaiserbund)	 Austria-Hungary  Germany  Russia
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.		



1881 to 1895	Austro-Serbian Alliance	 Austria-Hungary  Serbia
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.		



1882 to 1915	The Triple Alliance	 Austria-Hungary  Germany  Italy
This alliance was formed to stop Italy from attacking Austria-Hungary in the event of war with Russia.		




1883 to 1916	The Austro-German-Romanian Alliance	 Austria-Hungary  Germany  Romania
Similar in concept to the Serbian Alliance, this alliance was motivated by perceived Russian intentions in the Balkans.		

1894 to 1917	Franco-Russian Alliance	 France  Russia
<p>This major lasting alliance was the Russian reaction to several events of the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new German Chancellor Caprivi ended the treaty with Russia • Germany renewed the Triple Alliance • Germany also got friendly with the "<i>Mediterranean Entente</i>" (Britain, Italy and Spain against Russia and France) <p>As a result, Russia formed an alliance with France to protect herself against Germany and Austria-Hungary.</p>		

1902 to 1913	Russo-Bulgarian Military Convention	 Bulgaria  Russia
Bulgaria, newly independent from the Ottoman Empire, allied itself with Russia in an attempt to ward off the possibility of Austro-Hungarian aggression.		

1904 to 1918	The Entente Cordiale	 France  Great Britain
This agreement between Great Britain and France was more a sign of healing relations than an actual military alliance.		

1907 to 1917	The Anglo-Russian Entente	 Great Britain  Russia
Great Britain and Russia, having settled their differences, took this final step toward the Triple Entente.		

1907 to 1917	The Triple Entente	 Great Britain  France  Russia
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.		