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**N. Shebeko. A Russian Diplomat in Bucharest at the time
of the First Balkan War**

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There are several reasons that led us to present some of the aspects of the diplomatic activity of N. Shebeko and how Romanian-Russian relations have evolved during the First Balkan War, especially from the perspective of decision makers from St. Petersburg, with the proviso that the upper chronological limit be set in December 1912. One of these reasons is the lack of such studies in Romanian historiography. On the other hand, we don't know a monography dedicated to the russian diplomat N. Shebeko, that generally captures the works of the diplomatic service of the Russian Empire.

Arriving in the capital of Romania in the summer of 1912 N. Shebeko seems, like his predecessors, "obsessed" with the idea of an alliance concluded between Romania and Austria-Hungary. Amid the outbreak of the First Balkan War, this "obsession" crushes him. He tries different channels, from private to official discussions to public opinion polls to find the orientation of Romanian foreign policy in the event of a war between Russia and Austria-Hungary. A keen observer of domestic politics, aware of the importance of the king in foreign policy, hoping that through his work in Bucharest to remove "rusophobia" among existing parts of the political class, he tries to move Romania closer to Russia.