

The **skiing tradition in Romania** has developed almost simultaneously with the European one. This sport was brought to Transylvania after its introduction in the Alps, **at the end of the 19th century**. At the same time, the first ideas for popularizing skiing came from two directions: the **Transylvanian Alpine Club** (founded in 1873, Braşov), and the **Transylvanian Carpathian Society for Tourists** (SKV, 1880, Sibiu), respectively.

The development of skiing in an organized setting, separate from these associations of winter sports enthusiasts, led to the establishment of the Braşov Ski Association (1905). Gradually, skiing in Romania was perfected and popularized simultaneously with other European countries, benefiting from the support of **members of the Romanian Royal Family**, avid skiers. The encouragement of competition skiing started in **Braşov** and **Râşnov** (simultaneously with **the growth of Poiana Braşov resort**), on the one hand, and in the **mountain resorts on Prahova Valley**, Sinaia, and Predeal, on the other. The proximity of the royal winter residence, as well as the geographical location of the resorts, favored this line of progression.