

# Report of the Board

General Assembly 2020  
KDE e.V. Board  
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# Board

## Current board:

- Aleix Pol i Gonzàlez - President
- Eike Hein - Treasurer and Vice-President
- Lydia Pintscher - Vice-President
- Adriaan de Groot - Board Member
- Neofytos Kolokotronis - Board Member

## At this AGM:

- Terms for Aleix, Eike and Lydia end
- Candidates (so far):
  - Aleix
  - Eike
  - Lydia

# New Active Members

Johnny Jazeix	Niccoló Venerandi
Vlad Zahorodnii	Johan Ouwerkerk
David Redondo	Yi-Jyun Pan
Ilya Bizyaev	Carl Schwan
Wantoyo	Albert Vaca Cintora
Caio Jordão Carvalho	

11 new members (last year: 17, two years ago: 2)

# Individual Supporting Members

- 84 paying members (last year: 95)
- We have invested in the infrastructure, are not satisfied with the results and will continue working with another consultant

# Corporate Supporting Members

## **Patrons of KDE**

Blue Systems

Google

SUSE

The Qt Company

Canonical

enioka Haute Couture

## **Supporters of KDE**

basysKom GmbH

Klarälvdalens Datakonsult AB

Kontent GmbH

# The KDE e.V. Advisory Board

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● FSF</li><li>● FSFE</li><li>● OSI</li><li>● City of Munich</li><li>● Canonical</li><li>● enioka Haute Couture</li><li>● openUK</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Document Foundation</li><li>● FOSS Nigeria</li><li>● SUSE</li><li>● The Qt Company</li><li>● Debian</li><li>● Blue Systems</li></ul> |
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# Partners and affiliations

## Community partners:

- LyX
- Qt Project
- Verein Randa Meetings

## Local KDE organizations:

- KDE Spain

## Other partnerships:

- GNOME (LAS)

## Affiliates:

- Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE)
- Open Source Initiative
- Open Invention Network
- OpenUK

## Memberships:

- OSI (Open Source Initiative)
- OIN (Open Innovation Network)
- OASIS (Standards organization for ODF)
- Software für Engagierte e.V. (CiviCRM support)
- The Document Foundation

# Staff and Contractors

Assistant to the board: Petra Gillert

Marketing consultants: Aniqah Khokhar, Paul Brown

Project coordinator: Adam Szopa

Event coordinator: Allyson Alexandrou

# Board assistance - Petra

- Maintaining our office
- Accounting and related paperwork
- Reimbursements and co
- Paperwork related to the new contractors and getting them on board
- Support for Akademy (incl. finding a venue while that was still a thing...)
- Organizing meetings
- Helping the board stay on top of things
- ...

# Event support - Allyson

- Support for Akademy, initially as the Berlin local team and then online
- Working with the promo team on ensuring good promotion of Akademy
- Supporting the talks committee to get a good program together
- Communicating with speakers and doing trial runs
- Supporting the social program
- Support for LinuxAppSummit



# Project coordination - Adam

- Logistics and organising support for the goal keepers
- Process documentation for the goals
- Improvements to the FLA process and documentation
- Organizing trainings for Akademy



# Marketing - Aniq and Paul

- Established long-term goals and strategies to achieve them.
- Increased participation in Promo team, expanding the range of skills and now cover videography, graphic design & animations.
- Developed relationships with more KDE projects, turning Promo into their de facto advertising agency.
- Collaborated with hardware manufacturers to promote devices shipping with KDE software in the market.
- Raised the number of mentions in independent media (tech news outlets, blogs, youtube).
- Boosted social media readership and expanded to new platforms.
- Delivered consistent and engaging presence on social media.



# Akademy 2021

- We are planning to have an event in-person because we believe it is important to bring our community together in-person - of course only if it is safe to do so.
- The call for hosts will be published in the next days.
- Please help us spread the word or even consider hosting Akademy 2021 yourself.

# Sprints

- **KDE e.V. Board**, 22-24 November, Berlin, Germany
- **KF6**, 22-24 November, Berlin, Germany
- **Plasma Mobile**, 3-9 February, Berlin, Germany
- **PIM**, 3-5 April, Online
- **Plasma**, 11-14 June, Online

**Much reduced due to COVID-19 restricting travel and gatherings since mid-March.**

# Conferences and trade shows

- FOSDEM
- Qt World Summit
- GSoC mentor summit
- FOSSAsia
- FOSS North (online)
- QtCon Brasil

# Conferences (our own)

- Kopdar KDE (Yogyakarta, Indonesia)
- Conf.kde.in (Delhi, India)
- Academy 2019
- Linux App Summit 2019



# Fundraising

- New patron: Kontent GmbH
- Contracted out work on CiviCRM ([relate.kde.org](https://relate.kde.org))
  - Fixing PayPal integration
  - Allowing donors to set their own amount
  - Aiming for further growth in individual supporting membership
- Intentionally no '19 End of Year campaign
- Increase in one-time donations

# KDE e.V. reports

<https://ev.kde.org/reports/ev-2019/>



## KDE e.V. COMMUNITY REPORT



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# Evolving KDE

- Goals

- Second round of goals (All about the Apps, Consistency, Wayland) was announced and work on these goals is in progress
- More institutional support for the goals is in place now
- Corona unfortunately didn't allow in-person sprints for the goals and online sprints have been delayed to after Academy
- Goals process is documented for the future
- Outcomes of first round of goals are still coming like the migration to gitlab

- Institutional structure

- Clarified roles and responsibilities with the working groups
- Collecting potential improvements for the articles of association

# Working Groups: clarifying roles and responsibilities

- Working groups have grown over time and their roles and responsibilities have become unclear.
- Went through a process with each working group to talk about what they want to do, what the e.V. needs them to do and how the group should work in the future.
- Outcome of the process has been sent to the membership for feedback and will be published after Akademie.

# KDE's 25th anniversary

- On October 14th 2021 KDE will turn 25. This is a milestone we need to celebrate.
- We would love to hear your ideas for what to do as part of the celebration.
- Join our BoF later this week to discuss or chime in on [T13198!](#)



# Our KDE highlights of the year

A ton of great things have happened over the past year. Here are our personal highlights:

- GitLab migration
- Websites overhaul
- More apps on the app stores and getting traction there
- KDE Slimbook release
- Resilience in the face of unprecedented world events

# What we said we would do / results (1/2)

- **Host Akademy 2020** - Host Akademy with at least 150 attendees
  - Well... Corona threw a wrench into this one but we did it anyway! We are here with well over 150 attendees!
- **Invest in the growth of our people** - Find at least 2 ways how we can invest in the growth of our people beyond in-person trainings at Akademy
  - We tried to investigate access to professional libraries but there was not as much interest as we hoped. We still believe this is important and would love to hear your ideas.
- **Gain clarity on KDE's role in environmental sustainability** - Agree on a policy and trial it for 6 months
  - Took a different approach, supporting Blauer Engel project.
- **Increase effectiveness of the board's support network** - Discuss and agree on roles and responsibilities with each working group and supporting team
  - We went through a clarification process with each group and provided the result to the membership for feedback.

# What we said we would do / results (2/2)

- **Spend consciously and effectively** - Identify at least 2 ways to spend KDE e.V. funds effectively, within the limits of the board's time capacity
  - We have contracted people for work in 2 new areas and it has proven to be a good investment of time and money. Additionally we have invested in infrastructure for virtual events.
- **Establish processes** - Document at least 2 processes we have established (e.g. goals and hiring/contracting) so they can continue in time
  - The goals process has been defined and a write-up is getting final feedback before publishing. The process for onboarding and off-boarding new staff and contractors has been documented.
- **Nurture partnerships with new organizations around us** - Host the LinuxAppSummit together with GNOME and have in-person meetings with at least 3 partners outside of Akademy
  - We have successfully hosted the LinuxAppSummit and have met with a number of partners in person at FOSDEM and in dedicated meetings.

# Key things for the coming year (1/2)

- **Coming back together:** We will bring our community together again in person if global health permits because we value the relationship and community building it enables. This will be at Akademy or sprints.
- **Sustainable funding:** We will improve the infrastructure for our supporting membership program and provide more value to supporting members to ensure long-term financial stability.
- **Make a living:** We will make progress towards enabling more people to make a living based on work related to KDE to help people stay around as they gain experience.

# Key things for the coming year (2/2)

- **Supporting an opensource-friendly hardware ecosystem:** We will expand our partner network so that we have more leverage to push for opensource-friendly hardware solutions.
- **Copy & boost what works:** We will identify areas of KDE that work particularly well, see what we can learn from it and apply it in other areas of KDE e.V. that currently don't work well.

# Talk to us!

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here at Akademy online:

- find us in one of the chat rooms, or
- our office-hour during Akademy later this week (Sep 10, 17:00 UTC).