

Report of the Board

General Assembly 2023
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
- Nate Graham - Board Member

At this AGM:

- Aleix, Eike and Lydia were elected in 2020, so their term ends.
- New board members to be elected!

New Active Members

Bharadwaj Raju	Neal Gompa	Justin Zobel
Felix Alexander Ernst	Natalie Clarius	Simon Redman

6 new members (last year: 7, two years ago: 23)

Individual Supporting Members and other donors

- 53 paying members (last year: 48)
- 67 supporters on GitHub
- 130 recurring donors on Donorbox

Corporate Supporting Members

Patrons of KDE: +2 -2

Blue Systems Google SUSE The Qt Company

Canonical Slimbook Tuxedo Computers

[Kubuntu Focus](#) [g10 Code](#)

Supporters of KDE: +1

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The KDE e.V. Advisory Board

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Partners and affiliations

Community partners:

- LyX
- Qt Project
- Verein Randa Meetings

Local KDE organizations:

- KDE Spain

Other partnerships:

- GNOME (LAS)
- CHAOSS (App Ecosystem WG)

Affiliates:

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

Memberships:

- OSI (Open Source Initiative)
- OIN (Open Invention Network)
- OASIS (Standards organization for ODF)
- The Document Foundation

Staff and Contractors

- Assistant to the Board: **Petra Gillert**
- KDE Eco, Project and Community Manager: **Joseph P. De Veugh-Geiss**
- Marketing Consultants: **Aniqa Khokhar, Paul Brown**
- Project Coordinator: **Adam Szopa**
- Event Coordinator: **Dina Nouskali**
- Documentation Writer: **Thiago Masato Costa Sueto**
- App Stores Support Engineer: **Ingo Klöcker**
- Hardware Integration Engineer: **Natalie Clarius**
- Software Platform Engineer: **Nicolas Fella**

Board assistance - Petra

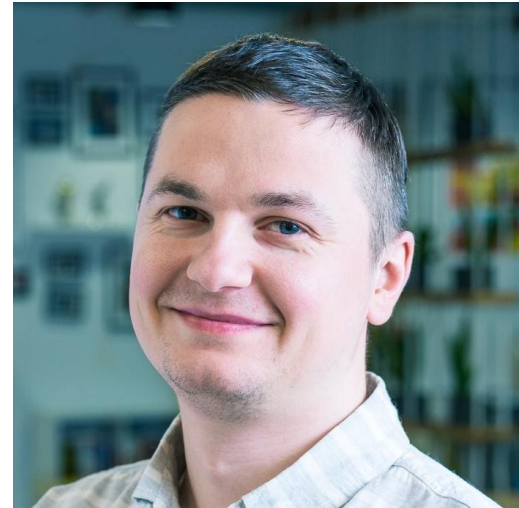
- Maintaining our office
- Accounting and related paperwork
- Reimbursements and co
- Paperwork related to staff and contractors
- Organizing meetings
- Helping the board stay on top of things
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Event coordination - Dina

- Support for Akademy & LinuxAppSummit
 - Supporting the organising teams in all organizational matters
 - Working with the promo team on ensuring good promotion
 - Supporting the talks committee to get a good program together
 - Coordinating with sponsors

Project coordination - Adam

- Logistics and organizing support for the goal champions
- Support for the Akademy team



KDE Eco program - Lana & Joseph

- KDE Eco (<https://eco.kde.org/>)
- Blauer Engel project and events
- Energy Efficiency measurement

With the end of the Blauer Engel project funding Joseph is focusing on larger community topics now. We hope to see Lana back for future projects. She's been amazing to make sure the project runs smoothly.



App Stores Support - Ingo

- Started last September
- Make sure KDE infrastructure can service app developers to reach their users.
- Explore the technical aspects of App Stores being a viable source of income for the KDE e.V.
- Had progress on the Windows Store and Android apps!
- Join the BoF on Monday at 17:00!



Marketing - Aniq and Paul

- Organized activity and communications around fundraisers
- Helped KDE Network members to participate in multiple external events throughout the world
- Organized promotion and created content for external events
- Managed the social media and communication for many KDE projects
- Helped write release announcements for Plasma and KDE gear apps



Documentation - Thiago

- Ongoing documentation process, started in 2018
- Thiago started November 2022
- Writing and Documentation Coordination
 - CMake tutorial
 - Kirigami documentation
 - Frameworks in general
- New focus every couple of months

Hardware Integration: Natalie

- Started in April
- Working to improve areas of Plasma relevant to device integration, now that KDE has many partners who sell hardware

Software Platform: Nicolas

- Started in February
- Been helping the transition to Qt 6
- Once that's done, will refocus towards feature development and infrastructure maintenance as required

Akademy

- We are glad that we have you all here!
- A big thank you to everyone who helped organize this year's Akademy and making sure we can all get to spend time together geeking out on all things KDE.
- We are soon going to start looking for locations for next year's conference. If you are considering hosting Akademy next year please reach out to the Akademy team or board.

Sprints

- **KDE e.V. Board Fall 2022 Sprint**, Berlin, Germany
- **KDE e.V. Board Spring 2023 Sprint**, Berlin, Germany
- **KDE Plasma 2023 Sprint**, Augsburg, Germany
- **KDE PIM 2023 Sprint**, Toulouse, France
- **KDE Eco May Sprint, July Sprint**

Physical sprints came back! But not a lot of them – at least not ones that have been reported on the Community Wiki.

What would you like to sprint on next?

Conferences and trade shows

- FOSDEM 2023 (Brussels)
- KDE Eco
 - LAS (Brno)
 - Bundestag (Berlin)
- All-American High School Film Festival
- LatinoWare
- Ubuntu Summit
- QtWS and QtCon Brasil
- MEGACON

Conferences (our own)

- Academy 2022
- Linux App Summit 2023
- Academy-es
- Academy 2023 (here!)

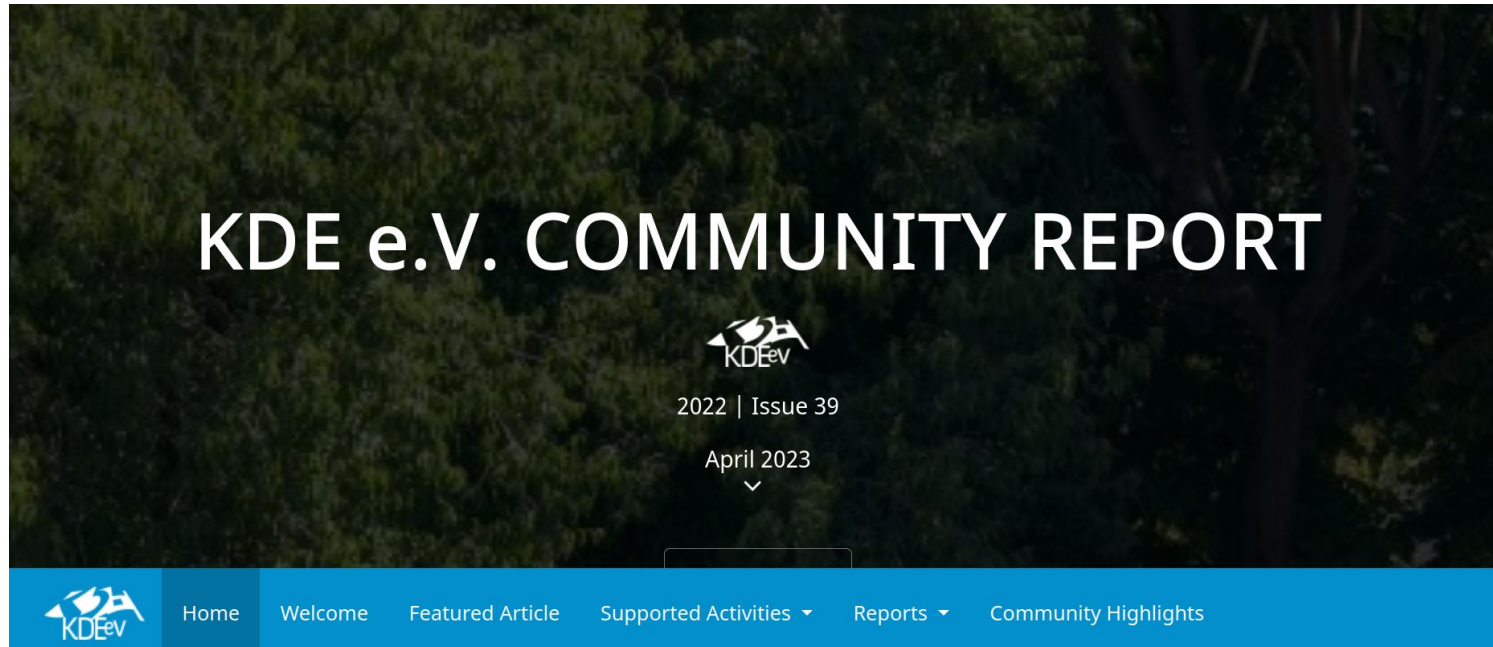


Fundraising

- New patrons: Kubuntu Focus and g10 Code
- Focused fundraising to the Donorbox platform
- Ran an end-of-year fundraiser for KDE e.V. which was successful
- Ran a fundraiser for Kdenlive which was successful
- Iterated on a plan to raise patronship prices starting in 2025
- Lack of success with grants, but will keep learning and trying
- Moving forward with the plan for paid apps in proprietary app stores

KDE e.V. reports

<https://ev.kde.org/reports/ev-2022/>



Kdenlive, Individual project funding

- Last year we announced the outcome of the *Make a Living* discussion. A clear step was working together with Kdenlive as a trial for individual project fundraising.
- The fundraising was very successful. We appreciate the effort that has been put in from the Kdenlive, promo and fundraising teams to make this a success.
- The next phase is to start spending the money on development for Kdenlive. This has not started yet.
- The trial continues and we are optimistic.

Our KDE highlights of the year

A ton of great things have happened over the past year!

Here are our personal highlights:

- Sprints are happening
- Successfully concluded the Blauer Engel project
- New fundraising platform supported a successful end of year fundraiser
- Filled the Make a Living positions
- Great progress on Qt 6 porting
- Seeing increased interest in our software among hardware and software vendors

What we said we would do (1/2)

- **Reassess our financial situation:** We progressed towards a viable donations platform, allowing us to run fundraising campaigns again. We got a few new patrons as well. Still to figure out is the app stores story and grants, where we see a chance but haven't managed to truly succeed.
- **Trial project fundraising:** The Kdenlive fundraising was a success! It worked, it showed that people care. Ensuring we have the infrastructure to put such campaigns to use remains something to work on.
- **Streamline Infrastructure:** GitLab migration is still progressing. The last remaining pieces should fall into place soon.

What we said we would do (2/2)

- **Support the new KDE Goals:** There's a plan for a cross-goal sprint that we expect will be a good push. We would like to see the larger KDE community to become more actively involved in the goals.
- **Learn more about our changing ecosystem:** This is an ongoing process. We hope to start seeing results this year coming from within our community.
- **Bring us back together:** We have resumed Academy, LAS and even sprints as we used to. Infrastructure created during the last few years (i.e. meet.kde.org) is still useful.

Key topics for next year (1/2)

- **Support the KDE Goals:** We are committed to helping the Goals succeed. Join us, join the Goals!
- **New financial situation:** Update the KDE Patron program, ensure our fundraisings (both KDE-wide and per-project) are successful and shed light on how this translates into better products.
- **Coming together:** Academy, LAS & sprints are fundamental KDE e.V. tasks. Maximise the usage of these spaces to create the best community to work in.

Key topics for next year (2/2)

- **Deliver on *Make a Living*:** We have put in motion the *Make a Living* process to help create opportunities within KDE, we want to see these positions start to show a real impact in our products and community.
- **Getting our products closer to our users:** Traditionally, KDE products have been somewhat distant from users. Although a big responsibility, we think that narrowing this gap will help us create the products we all know we can create.

Talk to us!

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Here at Akademy:

- find us in the hallways, or
- find us in one of the chat rooms, or
- our office-hour later this week (Tuesday, 11:00).