

# Report of the Board

General Assembly 2024  
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:

- No board election this year

# New Active Members

Bart de Vries	Joshua Goins	Andre Heinecke
James Graham	Julius Künzel	Kisaragi Hiu
Emir Sari		(2 pending)

7 new members since Akademy 2023 (last year: 6, two years ago: 7)

# Individual Supporting Members and other donors

- 719 paying members (last year: 53)
- 132 supporters on GitHub (last year: 67)
- 179 non-member recurring donors on Donorbox (last year: 130)

# Corporate Supporting Members

## **Patrons of KDE:**

Blue Systems Google SUSE The Qt Company

Canonical Slimbook Tuxedo Computers

Kubuntu Focus g10 Code MBition

## **Supporters of KDE:**

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# The KDE e.V. Advisory Board

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Blue Systems</li><li>● Canonical</li><li>● City of Munich</li><li>● Debian</li><li>● the Document Foundation</li><li>● FOSS Nigeria</li><li>● FSF</li><li>● FSFE</li><li>● g10 Code</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Kubuntu Focus</li><li>● MBition</li><li>● openUK</li><li>● OSI</li><li>● Qt Group</li><li>● Slimbook</li><li>● SUSE</li><li>● TUXEDO Computers</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)
- 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: **Joseph P. De Veauh-Geiss** and **Nicole Teale**
- Marketing Consultants: **Aniqa Khokhar**, **Paul Brown**
- (Goals) Project Coordinator: **Adam Szopa** ↪ **Farid Abdelnour**
- Event Coordinator: **Dina Nouskali**
- Documentation Writer: **Thiago Masato Costa Sueto**
- App Stores Support Engineer: **Ingo Klöcker** (completed)
- Hardware Integration Engineers: **Natalie Clarius** and **Jakob Petsovits**
- Software Platform Engineer: **Nicolas Fella**
- LabPlot Software Engineer: **Kuntal Bar** (3 month contract)



# Board assistance - Petra

- Maintaining our office
- Accounting and related paperwork
- Reimbursements and financial transfers
- Paperwork related to staff and contractors
- Organizing meetings
- Helping the board stay on top of things

# Event coordination - Dina

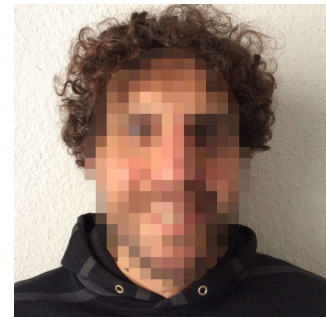
- Support for Akademy & LinuxAppSummit
  - Supporting the organising teams in all organizational matters
  - Working with the promo team on ensuring good promotion
  - Supporting the talks committee to get a good program together
  - Coordinating with sponsors

# Goals project coordination - Farid

- Working with the Goal Champions to ensure the KDE Goals move forward
- Outreach around the KDE Goals
- Support for finding grants to support the KDE Goals

# KDE Eco program - Nicole & Joseph

- KDE Eco (<https://eco.kde.org/>)
- New project: Nachhaltige Software Für Nachhaltige Hardware ('Sustainable Software For Sustainable Hardware')
- Focusing on rallying people around hardware sustainability and what we can do to support it



# Marketing - Aniq and Paul

- Organized communications around the KDE 6 mega-release and the Plasma 6 fundraiser
- Helped KDE Network members to participate in multiple external events throughout the world
- Directly represented KDE at multiple external events
- 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



# Hardware Integration: Natalie & Jakob

- **Natalie** is working on hardware-relevant power management topics in general
- **Jakob** starts soon on a project for Framework laptop device integration and documentation

# App Stores Support - Ingo

- Finished February 2024
- Improved the KDE Continuous Delivery features, [invent.kde.org](https://invent.kde.org) integration
- Better and easier releases for Android and Windows



# Software Platform - Nicolas

- Did a lot of work towards our port to Qt 6
- Doing KF 6 releases
- Upstream work in Qt
- Improved integration of QML in our products
- Leading the switch to qtdoc, improvements on the documentation infrastructure.



# Documentation - Thiago

- Ongoing documentation process beginning in 2018
- Joined the payroll November 2022
- Writing and Documentation Coordination
  - Developer tutorials <https://develop.kde.org/>
  - Kirigami documentation
  - KConfig
  - Accessibility
- New focus every couple of months

# Akademy

- We are very appreciative of everyone who showed up!
- 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're soon going to start looking for locations for next year's conference. If you'd like to consider hosting Akademy next year, please reach out to the Akademy team or board.

# Sprints

- **Promo 2023**, Berlin, Germany
- **KDE summer 2024 goals mega-sprint**, Berlin, Germany
- **PIM 2024**, Toulouse, France

Sprints are on the Community Wiki, <https://community.kde.org/Sprints>

**What would you like to sprint on next?**

# Conferences and trade shows

- Linux Days Voralberg 2023
- OSM Hack Weekend 2023
- FOSSCOMM 2023
- Qt Contributor's Summit 2023
- 37C3 2023
- Qt World Summit 2023
- FOSDEM 2024
- conf.kde.in 2024
- FOSSGIS Conference 2024
- KDE MegaRelease Parties 2024
- Scale 21x 2024
- Akademy-es 2024/esLibre 2024
- FOSSASIA 2024
- LUDOVIA 2024

# Conferences (our own)

- Akademy 2024 & Akademy-es 2024
- Linux App Summit 2024 (soon!)
- conf.kde.in 2024
- 6th Megarelease parties around the globe

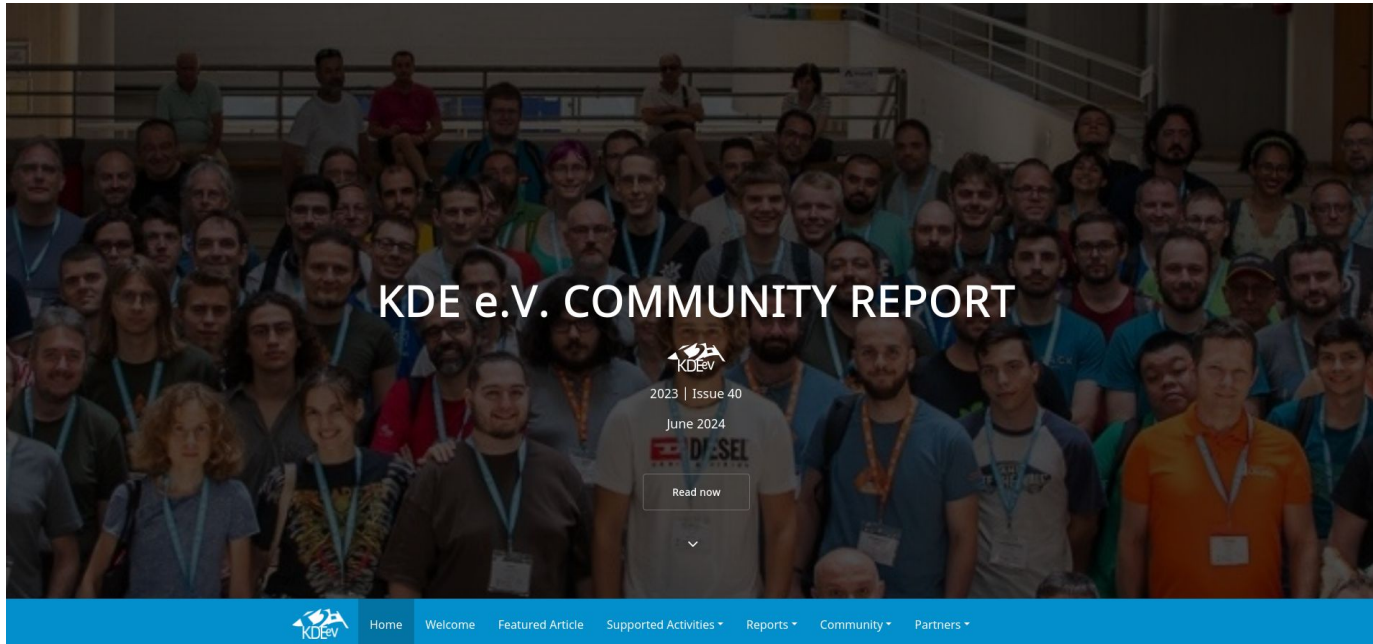


# Fundraising


- Fundraising has moved to Donorbox; CiviCRM has been retired
- Great increase in Supporting Memberships from EOY fundraiser & Plasma 6 release
- Patrons: No additions or removals
  - Planning to raise patronship prices starting in 2025
- Grants: NS4NH grant succeeds Blauer Engel
- First paid app in proprietary app store using new e.V.-funded infrastructure launched

# KDE e.V. reports

<https://ev.kde.org/reports/ev-2023/>




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# Individual project funding

- KDElive remains the only project that is a part of it.
- Still looking into how to make full use of the funds from fundraising.
- We are open to adding projects to the program.



# KDE Goals

- We closed another round of KDE Goals and voted on new ones!
- We're making several changes to this round to increase the impact of the goals.
- We're expecting:
  - Teams instead of individual Goal Champions
  - More outreach
  - Funding/grants around the Goals

# Our KDE highlights of the year

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

Here are our personal highlights:

- Concluded the most successful fundraising campaign in KDE's history
- Successful release of Plasma 6
- Voted on great new goals for the coming years
- Received a second grant to continue work around KDE Eco

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

- **Support the KDE Goals:** We have revamped the Goal process, a large Goals sprint happened, and we contracted Farid to take the Goals to the next level.
- **New financial situation:** We have made good use of Donorbox and run a successful fundraising campaign that got us many new regular donors and supporting members. We were not able to revise the KDE Patron program yet.
- **Coming together:** Akademy and LAS are happening again this year.

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

- **Deliver on Make a Living:** Gained experience with being an employer of many community members, and all it entails. We were not able to spend the Kdenlive money yet.
- **Getting our products closer to our users:** Still a work in progress. We have put a lot of work into getting our apps ready for app stores. We have been working with more hardware vendors to get our software shipped on devices.

# Key topics for next year (1/2)

- **Support the new KDE Goals:** We are committed to helping the Goals succeed. Join us, join the Goals!
- **New financial situation:** We still have to update the KDE Patron program. We have seen good results fundraising from individuals and have to see how to leverage it in a sustainable way.
- **Coming together:** Academy, LAS, and sprints are fundamental KDE e.V. tasks. Embrace these spaces to create the best community to work in.

# Key topics for next year (2/2)

- **Moving beyond Make a Living:** Establish which mechanisms we have to keep staff on board. How to get a new topic, how to stop one that has run its course. Learn how to take on opportunities using the staff we have without losing sight of our goals.
- **Polish our hardware partnership story:** Come up, along with the community, with a clear story for hardware partners.
- **App Stores help fund KDE e.V.:** See what's missing for doing so at least on Google Play and the Windows Store. Work with Flathub to see if we can get payments set up there.

# Talk to us!

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Here at Akademy:

- in the hallways, or
- in one of the chat rooms, or
- at the Board Q&A BoF on Tuesday (5pm, room 1)