

Moneytalks: How the KDE community benefits

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KDE e.V. supports

- Akademy conference, including travel expenses support program
- Local KDE conferences like kde.conf.in (India), Lakademy (South America), Randa (Europe)
- Sprints – gathering of contributors (developers, documentation writers, translators, designers...) in one place to work together on a theme
- Travel expenses for KDE-related talks on conferences not organized by KDE, like FOSDEM, FOSSAsia, OSCON, OpenSourceSummit etc
- KDE booths during events
- KDE project, development and integration infrastructure – servers, integration machines, domain registration...
- Other KDE-related needs: trademarks, legal, administrative
- If in doubt, ask

KDE e.V. DOES NOT support financially

- Hiring people for coding

If you want to ask for support

- Mail KDE e.V. board (or use specific procedure for sprints, Akademy)
- Be specific (who you are, how do you contribute, what you request, describe the budget, what part you cover on your own)
- Tell why it's useful for KDE (KDE-related presentation, more publicity in a specific place or community...)

To maximize your chances

- Take into account that the person(s) reviewing your requests may not know you or your contributions – introduce yourself
- Ask early (just after when your talk is accepted, when you have a group interested for a sprint..)
- Document your need (example: if you're a student, say so) and say what you will need covered (example: flight and accommodation or flight only)
- Do your research to keep costs reasonable. Try to find travel discounts, different dates and routes and look for affordable accommodation.
- Publish about your event and KDE – blog post, social media..
- Show your contribution history (development, translation, documentation, forum)
- Be upfront: if you have benefited from the KDE e.V. help recently, say so
- Demonstrate preparation (example: preliminary sprint budget)