



KDE Support

a challenging way to contribute



What we have



- **Community based support**
- **Mailinglists, newsgroups, web forums, IRC channels**
- **Direct contact between users and creators**



Positive aspects



- **gratifying**
- **everyone can do it**
- **scaling good in time**
- **improves your knowledge**
- **creators can gather feedback**



- **having trust in your knowledge**
- **different ways of thinking**
- **language barriers**
- **professional distance**
- **overestimating your time budget**



Project challenges



- **lots of users**
- **channels disconnected from each other**
- **unkown downstream modifications**
- **external services**
- **project boundaries not visible**
- **different communication preferences**
- **creators retreating**



Ideas for the future



- **single sign-on**
- **easy delegation**
- **bridges between communication channels**
- **extraction of feedback for creators**
- **regional channels**



Thank you



Any questions?