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## Scalable Software Services for Life Science

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# Life Science Competence Centre

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"**One-stop-shop**" for

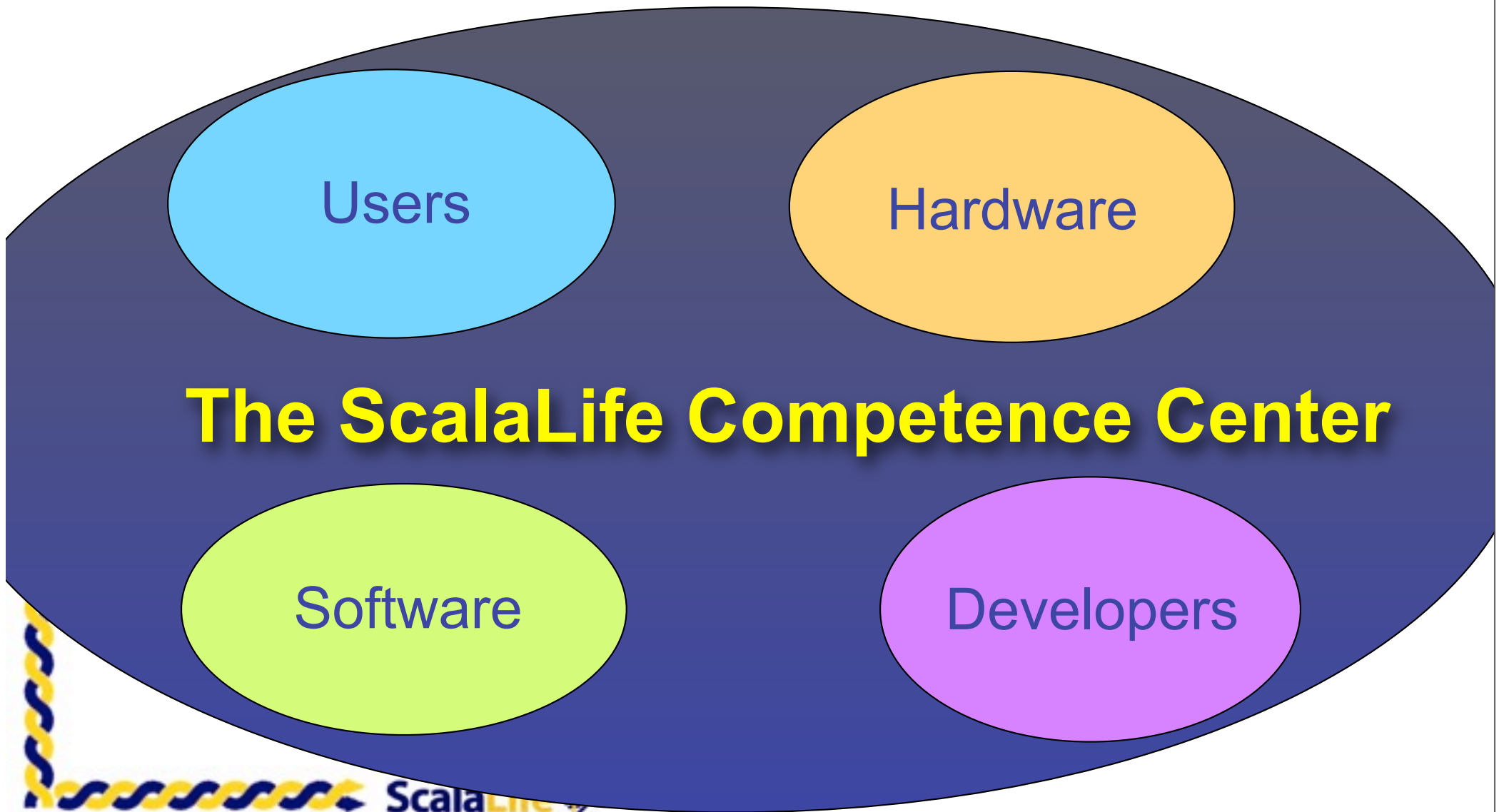Life Science Software Communities

**Users**

**Hardware**

## Competence Center

Knowledge base
Help desk with expert support
Community Forums
Training events

**Software**

**Developers**

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- Services provided by the Competence Centre will include
  - Gaining access to cutting-edge high-performance hardware
  - Provision of ready-to-use applications for end-users; source code and necessary tools to developers
  - Collaborative environment for information retrieval and exchange
  - Exclusive support by application experts
  - Training events

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- As support structures for the services the centre will provide
  - Web portal as a centralized place for community integration
  - Knowledge base as the main source of collective information
  - Discussion forums and mailing lists for facilitation of user interactions
  - Help desk system

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# Users of core applicaitions

What can they expect from the Competence Centre?

What the Competence Centre expects from them?

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## Get support

- Installation of core applications on local hardware.

- Recommendations for purchase of HW configurations.

- Program execution and optimal utilization of resources.

- Analysis of the computational output.

## Give support

- Provide description of the project and links to the group's homepage.

- Provide sample models and test cases for validation if needed.

- Providing help to the community.

- Acknowledge the Competence Centre in publications.

- Include the ScalaLife application experts as authors of subsequent published works.

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# Developers of LS software

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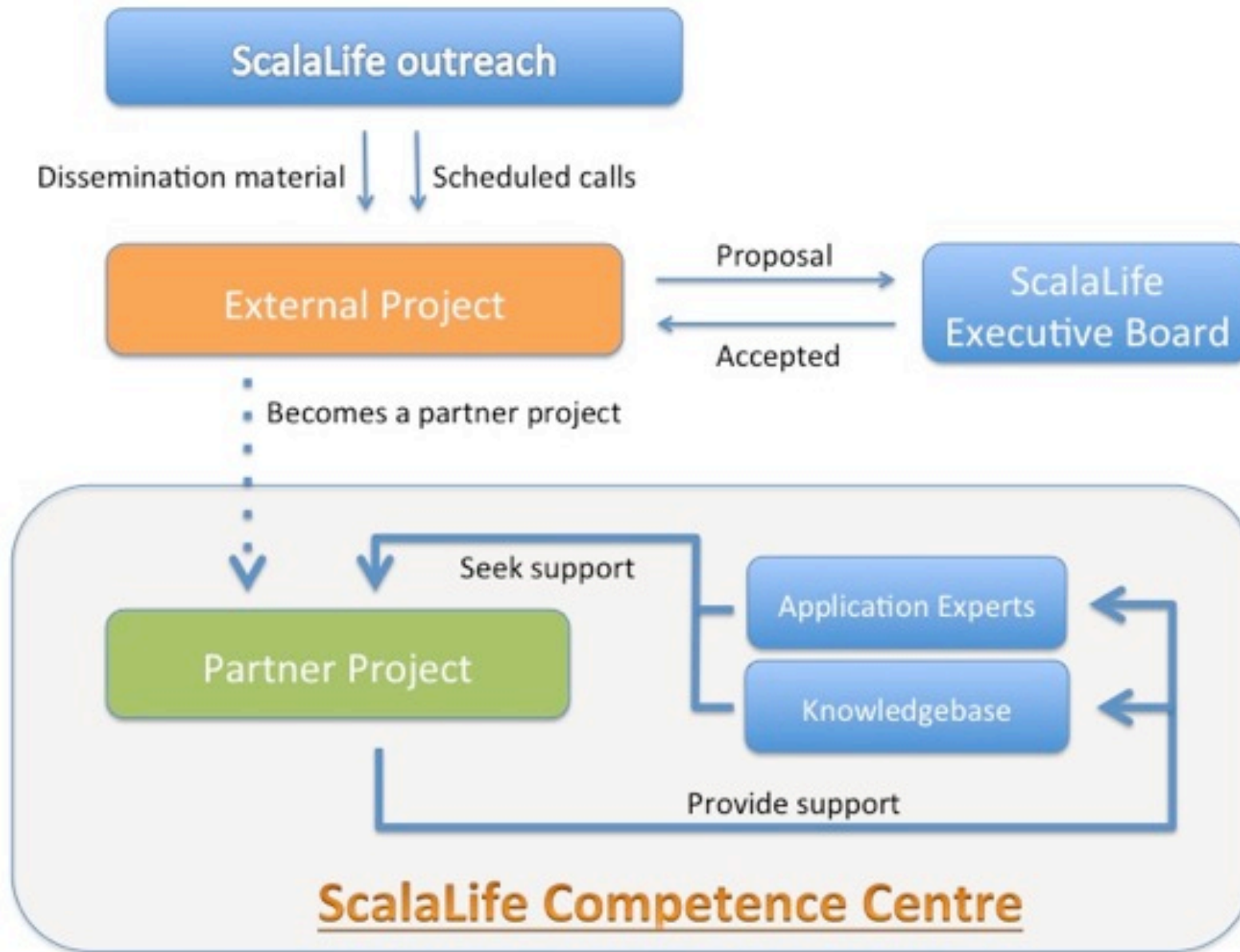What the Competence Centre expects from them?

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## Get support

- Methods for software code profiling/optimization.

- Support with performance and scalability analysis.

- Receive a platform for community engagement.

- Popularize the software through ScalaLife's outreach initiatives.
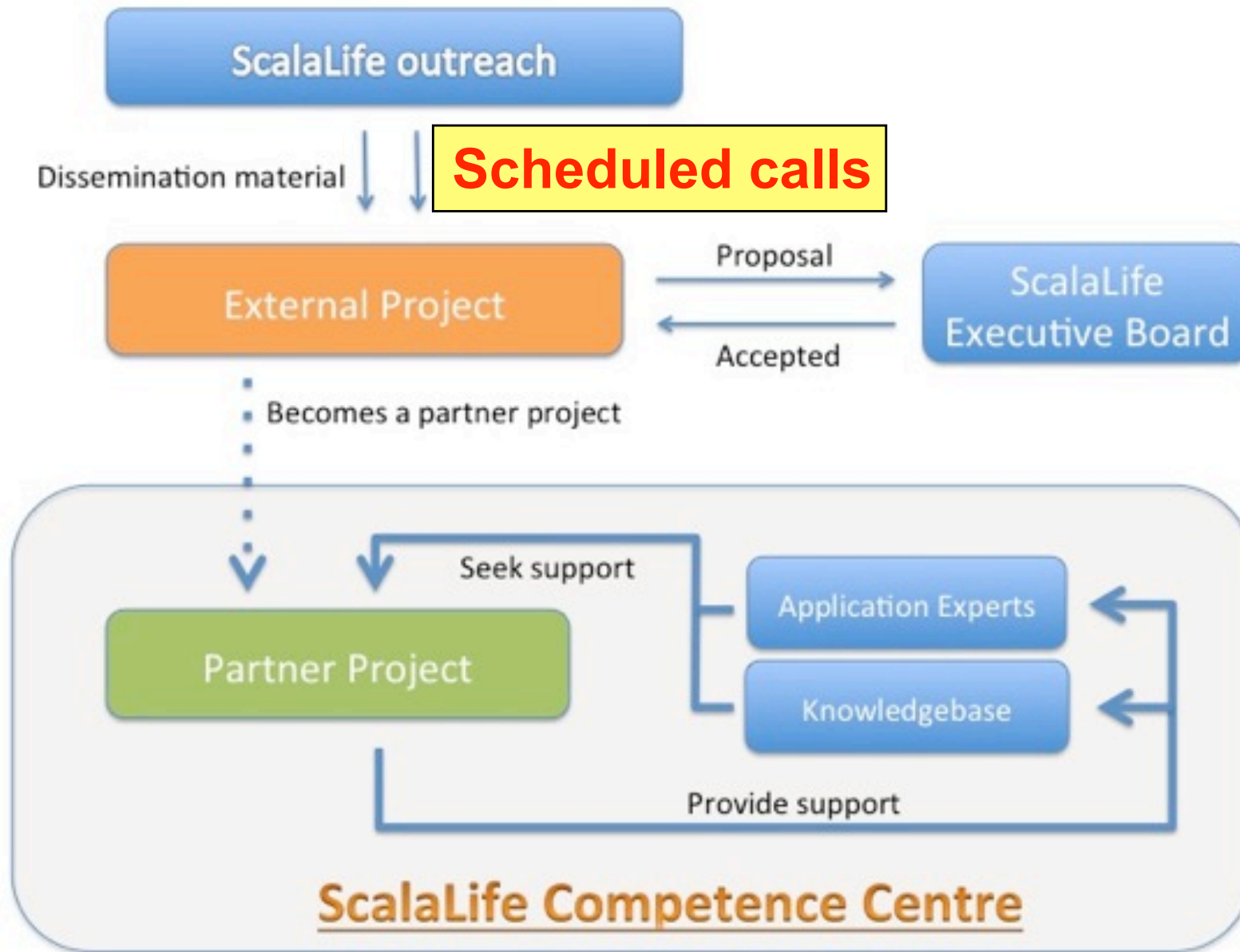
## Give support

- Deploy precompiled binaries of their application.

- Provide tutorials, best practices guides etc. about application usage

- Provide community support for users; participate in training events organized as part of ScalaLife.

- Acknowledge ScalaLife in publications and provide/link to them on the website.

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- **The centre needs active engagement** of all of us!
- Competence Centre needs to grow
  - engagement of new members
- Passive provision of information only, even high-quality one, **will not be enough**.
- Need to **actively seek** groups and projects and **offer them extra value** as an incentive to join
  - A step towards **sustainability**
- **Communication needs to go via the webportal!**

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External Project

Proposal →
← Accepted

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# Calls can be for:

- New software packages

- New user groups of the core applications

- Three calls during the lifetime of the project at PM 14, 19 and 26

- Before each call the Executive Board will have a month to make an evaluation of the current status of the community and assess the needs.

- Project partners should provide suggestions for research groups to be contacted with offers to join the program.

- A decision should be taken by the EB within a month after the call.

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| Number of joint projects with research groups using core applications | 9 | 3 at each PM18/24/30 |
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**To be included in the action list for the EB meetings**

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- Make **more appealing and functioning** portal!
- Populate it, make it rich; integrate external DB
  - Gromacs/Dalton mailing lists;
- **Make visible our expertise** in application usage and software development on the portal; promote it!
  - **Personal profile pages** of the experts with their expertise and interest in projects
- **Seek collaboration projects** that **can be channeled** through CC, e.g. BSC working with another software; Gromacs/Dalton/Discrete working with experimentalists (biologists)
- Keep our own development discussions on the web

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