**Crowd Discusses Alternatives core concepts**

This document is about an effort of the development of an open-source online application that helps people discuss and construct alternative solutions and distinguish the most popular. The core concepts of this application are the following:

* Application will help the team members that are involved in a discussion, well-define the subject of the discussion. The goals of the subject shall be clear and time framed.
* Proposals shall be clearly distinguished from the comments.
* Users will be able to group proposals in order to form alternative solutions.
* Users will be able to insert references and evaluate them concerning their accuracy and importance.
* Application will have tools that help users evaluate proposals and groups of proposals.
* Application will have search tools that give users the ability to find specific comments, proposals or groups.
* Proposals and groups of proposals will be able to be ranked by popularity.