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### *Mass Online Deliberation:*

*the necessary component of a large-scale open and direct public participation system*

#### SPEAKER ABSTRACT



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We propose a model and some design choices for building a *mass online deliberation* (MOD) system, aimed at supporting orderly, fair, inclusive, and purposeful participation in decision-making within a very large community. We start with arguing that such a system is a necessary component of any large-scale system aiming at open and direct public participation. We also draw a list of *requirements* that such a system must satisfy, complemented by another list of *preconditions* for a productive deliberation to happen, and present the proposed model and technical solutions in detail. A large-scale deliberation on a given issue, in a given community and at a given time progresses *online*, and goes through a number of *phases*, namely:

- *preparation* (selection and formulation of an issue, selection of experts in the field, advertising campaign, registration of participants),
- *ideation* (moving and discussing proposals, while the system distributes them into a number of clusters, to arrive at their clustered set),
- *consolidation* (of common proposals within every individual cluster), and
- *reconciliation* (of proposals from different clusters, i.e. cluster mergers).

Depending on a given *context of use*, a final *vote* may be held either among the deliberants, or within the whole constituency (i.e. in a referendum). Or else, the final proposal(s) is/are submitted to the parliament or another decision-making body.

#### SPEAKER

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