





# Halal Governance in the West: Prospects and Challenges

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### Why Halal Governance?

















EUROPEAN STANDARDS ORGANIZATIONS















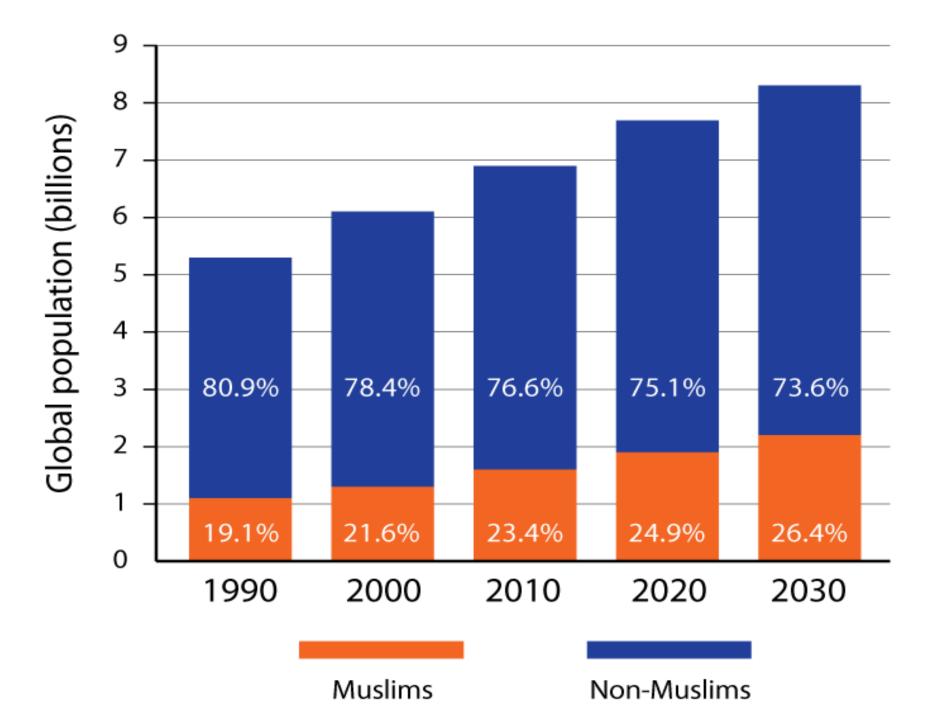


Halal Food USD 632 billion per year

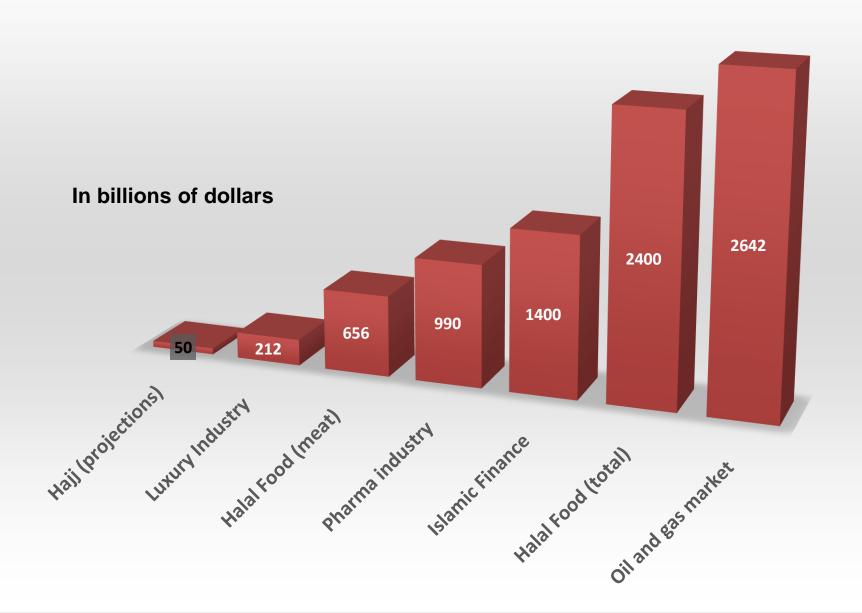
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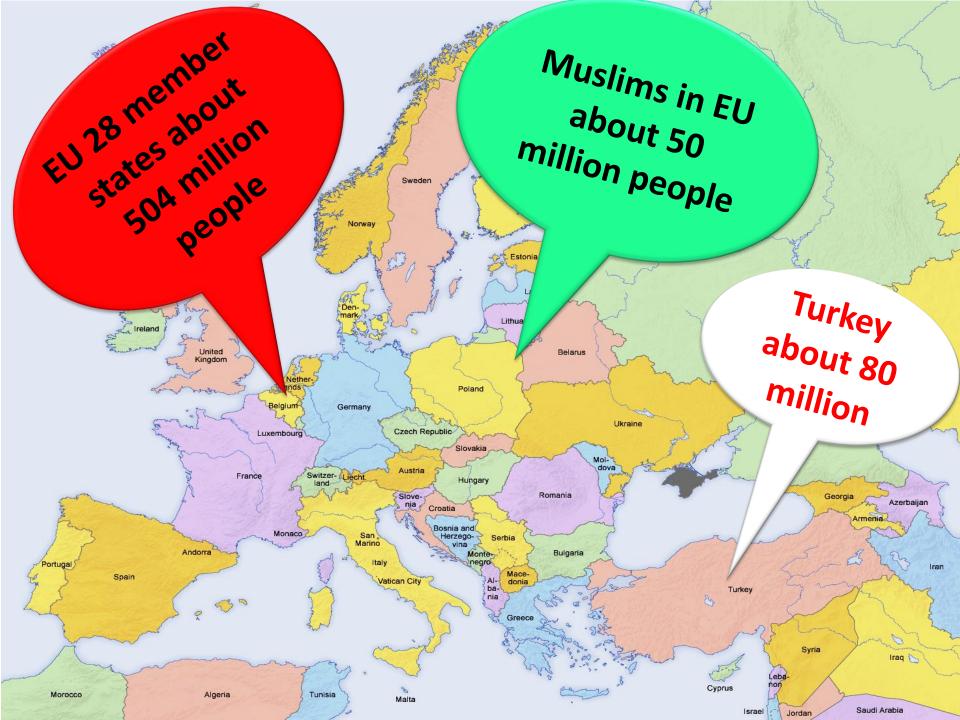
halal market industry as

**17** %



#### Global size of some industries





Interestingly Muslims who are living in the Western countries are more aware of halal food than other Muslim countries.



# Not only Muslim people also 7 billion of the world population need halal food.

Because Halal means
Clean, Healthy, Hygienic, Natural, not GMF,
good quality, safe and genuine...



# Halal Standards in the Globe



It is estimated that there are currently around 200 active *halal* certification bodies in the World in 48 countries.

# Certification Bodies on *Halal* Food in the European Union.



There are currently around 65 active halal certification bodies in the European Union

To name but a few, Department of *Halal* Certification Ireland (DHCI Ireland 2004)

The Halal Food Council of Europe (HFCE), 2010 in Brussels.

The Halal Food Authority (HFA), 1994,

The Muslim Food Board in 1992,

The *Halal* Authority Board (HAB);

The Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC) in 2003, UK,

The Universal Halal Agency (UHA) UK & EU Law,

The European Halal Development Agency (EHDA)

European Association of Halal Certifiers (AHC-EUROPE), 2009 in Germany

The Islamic Information and Documentation Centre (IIDZ – Austria)

**Ritual Association of Lyon's Great Mosque (France)** 

**Halal International Authority (HIA)** 

Halal Quality Control (HQC) in 1980, The Hague,

The Netherlands as Control Office of *Halal* Slaughtering (COHS)

Total Quality Halal Correct Certification (TQ HCC) in the Netherland

#### Journey to European Standards on Halal Food



It has been a neglected duty on the creation of *halal* food standards within the European Union.

The idea of establishing a European Union Halal Standard comes from the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) first.









#### a Working Group (WG) was set up in 25 October 2010

- Accordingly four meetings were held that of The 1st meeting **25**<sup>th</sup> **October 2010 in Vienna**, Austria; The 2nd meeting **14-15 February 2011 in Antalya**, *Turkiye*; a Workshop made 19-20 May 2011 in Brussels, Belgium;
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting **21-22 November 2011 in Brussels**, Belgium;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting **6 March 2012 in Sarajevo**, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The TSE with ASI were allocated as twinning partner for the secretariat of CEN/TC 425 to submit its programme of work for BT approval by 31 October 2013.



- public founding institute established in 1954
- became an independent organization in 1960.
- full member of (ISO), (IEC) since 1955.



- The Austrian Standards Institute (ASI) was founded in 1920,
- TSE and ASI are twinning partner for the secretariat of CEN/TC 425 Halal Food since 12 April 2013.



- The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) established in 1961 in Brussels.
- the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)
- More than 50.000 technical experts
- Moreover CEN has Partners the Former
   Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Türkiye.
- The European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.

The first meeting of the CEN/TC 425 "Project Committee- *Halal* Food" was held 24-25 September 2013 in Istanbul.



The second meeting of the CEN/TC 425 "Project Committee- Halal Food" was held on 03-04 February 2014 at the Austrian Standards Institute in



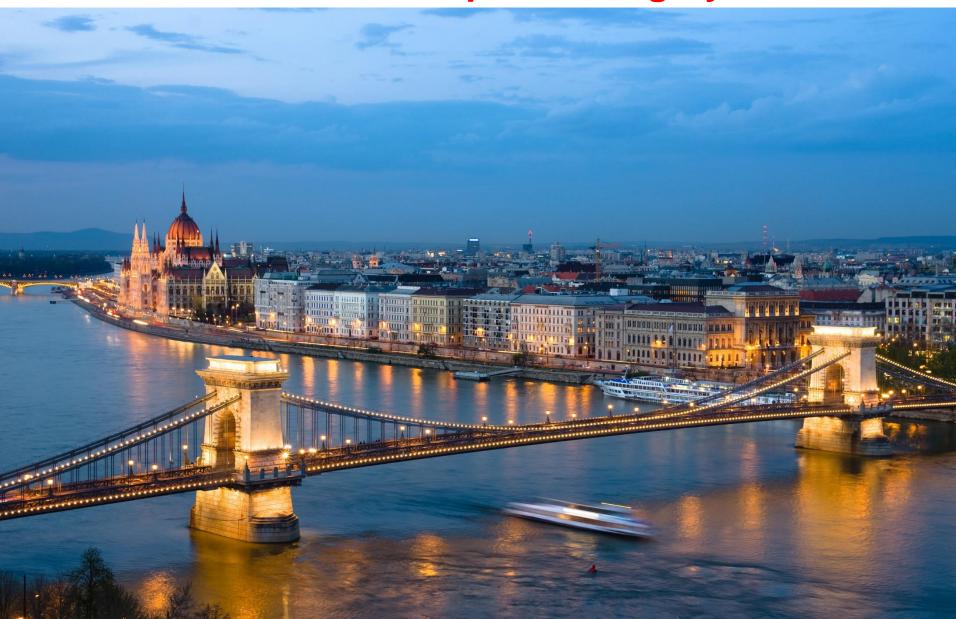
## The Third meeting was held on 22-23 October 2014 in Sarajevo



## The fourth meeting was in 28-30 April 2015 in Cordoba/ Spain



# The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held 16-21 November 2015 in Budapest / Hungary



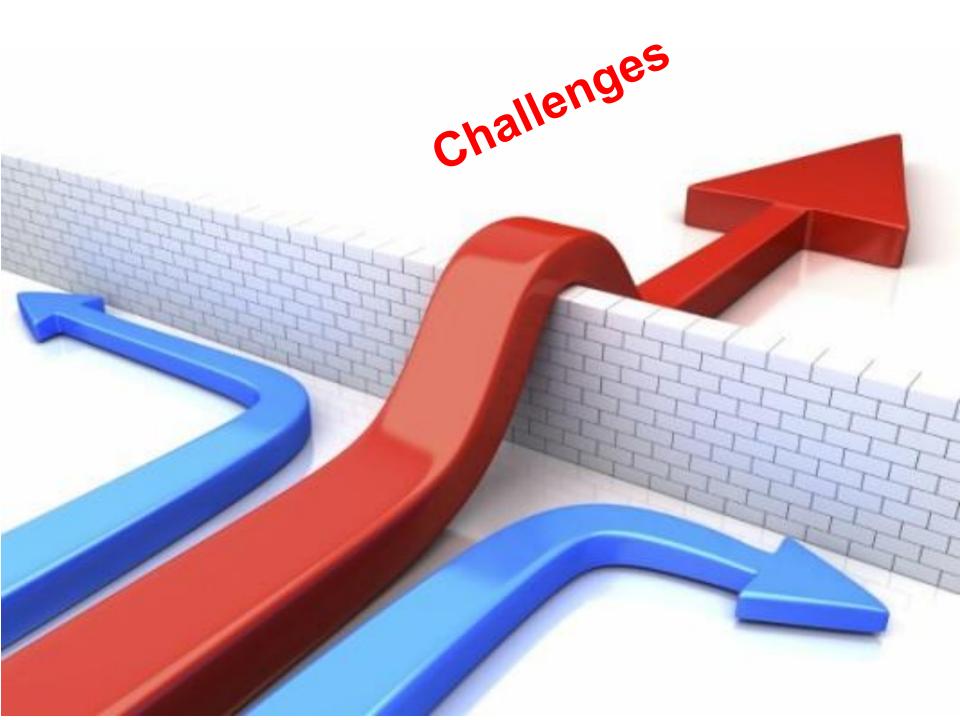


#### **Prospects**



United Standards among EU members (CEN)

- Halalizing products: Clean, Healthy, Hygienic, Natural, not GMF, good quality, safe and genuine...
- Halal Tourism
- Halal Economy
- Halal World
- Trusted Certification and Accreditation Bodies



- Islamophobia
- EU laws contradict to the Islamic laws?
- Should EU countries regulate halal?
- Can EU countries regulate halal?
- Do EU countries want to regulate halal?
- Education and training?
- Madhhab Diversity?
- Lack of Harmonized Certificates and Standards
- Secularist
- Cultural relativism
- Animal welfare

