



The **MHALEC** project « *Marché Halal Abattage Labellisation & Enjeux de la Consommation* » (**Halal Market: Slaughtering, Labeling & Communication Issues**) is the very first trans-disciplinary research program which considers the entire scope of the halal market on meat issues from farm to fork. It aims to realize a state-of-the-art review on productive structures, rules and consumption of certified halal products in France and its export sales. The program will provide some specific knowledge and analysis for scientists, policy-makers or interested social and economic actors.

WP 1- Economic structuration of the halal market in France

- O1- Description of the structure, supply chains of meat products, and values ;
- O2- Organisation of market channels : Instruments, operations and market actors

WP 2- Public and private regulation of halal

- O1- Panorama and evolution of animal slaughter regulations in Europe ;
- O2- Private halal certification market ;
- O3- National and international halal standardization and accreditation ;
- O4- Consumer rights to information and protection

WP 3- Sociology of islam and halal market

- O1-Religious norms : issues, actors, discourses and practices in the religious field;
- O2-Classical islamology of halal/ haram and fatwa methodology;
- O3- Consumer opinions, representation and trust on halal products

MHALEC includes the following workpackages

WP1 Economics and Sociology of the French Halal Market for Meats and Meat-Based Products (Bovines, Ovines, Poultryes) ;

- To better understand the market structure for halal meats and meat-based products. Taking into account at the same time involved operators, exchanged volumes, product supplies and transactions regulation.
- To identify the main issues on the halal distribution channel (technical adjustments, flow management, specialization and diversity throughout the production channel, traceability and controls), actors respective roles and strategies to commercialize and elaborate the halal quality
- Enlist both quantitative and qualitative knowledge regarding purchase and consumption practices and their evolutions in France.

WP2 Law and Society : Comparative Regulatory Aspects, National and International Standardization ;

State-of-the-art and analysis of :

- the public regulation on ritual slaughtering (in general and halal specifically) in France and some other countries
- court decisions and jurisprudence on religious products, certification agencies authority and status in France
- national, European and international initiatives for halal standardization of the certification market, exhaustive overview of the certification actors in France, their connections with states, governments and religious orientations.

WP3 Anthropology and Sociology of the Licit/Halal Norm ;

Report and analysis on definitions issues in the religious field, how governments and religious orientations define the halal norm: who are the religious actors of the halal? What are their issues and strategies to control the norm? How conversely do the halal market organization and its economic and symbolic gains affect the religious field, its power relations and religious ideologies/orientations? Understand the determinants of the halal consumption (Issue no1).

If financial support is available WP4 Science and Society : How to Renew Discourses, Explanations and Communication on Public Issues and Societal Problems ;

This crossways and transdisciplinary issue aims to newly think, explain and communicate on halal issues as they flourish in the public sphere from several themes determined by some interested parties.

Organization

Funding:

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