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## **Europe's Islamic Economy**



Islamic Banks





Islamic Digital Banks





Halal Accreditation Bodies





Islamic Windows For Conventional Banks





**Takaful** 





Halal Certification Bodies

80



\*Islamic FINTECH

93

\*Including Islamic Digital Banks









### **Islamic Banking**

#### <<Global Mapping>>

1 Number of Islamic Banking Institutions among Regions

Region	Islamic Banks			Islamic Windows			Digital Banks		
Europe			15			8			12
GCC			40			34			5
Other MENA			80			33			
Sub-Saharan Africa			21			11			4
Southeast Asia			33			24			3
South Asia			20			37			1
Central Asia			4			2			
Other Asia			6			2			2
Americas			1			3			2

Islamic finance in Europe has seen notable progress reflecting a broader global trend of interest in alternative finance. Some European countries have an integrated Islamic finance service, while others have seen less development in the Islamic financial market. With 15 fully-fledged Islamic banks, 8 windows and 12 digital banks Europe demonstrates a remarkable presence in Islamic Economy proving its position as an Islamic finance hub.

Europe has a market share of 7% and 5% for Islamic banks and Islamic windows, respectively. While, it accounts for a significant market share for Islamic digital banks, accounting for 41% of the global market. showcase its dedication to adopting modern technology to meet the needs and wants of consumers in Europe.

2 Europe's Share of the Total Islamic Banking Globally



Islamic Banks

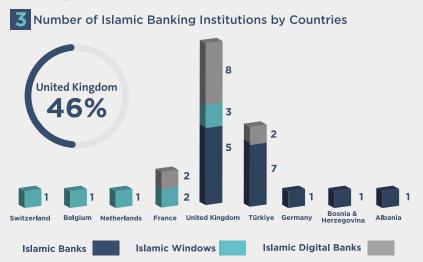
5% — 41%

Islamic Windows Islamic Digital Banks





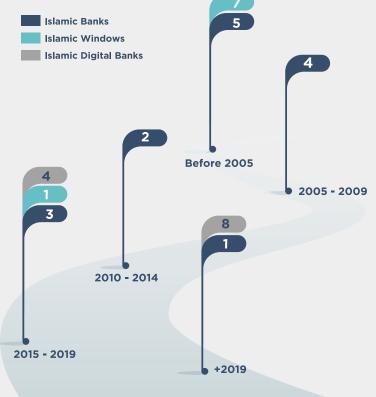
#### « Regional Distribution»



The United Kingdom and Türkiye lead the way in terms of the number of Islamic banking institutions with 16 and 9 Islamic banking institutions respectively, reflecting the Islamic finance segment is widely established in these countries. Some European countries show a growing interest in Islamic finance with limited institutions. The United Kingdom has emerged as the top-ranking European country in Islamic banking institutions, boasting a 46% share in terms of the number of institutions.

There were 5 fully operational Islamic banks and 7 Islamic windows prior to 2005; which indicates a significant presence of Islamic banking. However, between 2005 and 2014, 6 new fully-fledged banks were created. Between 2015 and 2019, there was a revival with 8 new Islamic banking entities. After 2019, there was a significant rise in digital banks, with 8 new additions, reflecting a shift towards digital banking solutions in the European Islamic finance sector.









# Takaful

#### « Global Mapping »

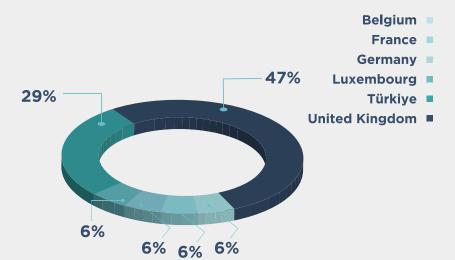
1 Europe's Takaful Companies Market Share

While Europe's Takaful market share pales compared to the dominance of GCC and Southeast Asia, its presence signals a noteworthy trend towards diversification in Islamic financial services. Europe recorded a notable 11% share of global Takaful institutions highlighting a growing integration of Islamic finance principles within European markets.



#### « Regional Distribution »





Türkiye and the United Kingdom lead in terms of the number of Takaful institutions, indicating a more established Takaful sector in these countries, while other European countries show a growing interest in Takaful with a few institutions. UK and Türkiye stand out with 8 and 5 Takaful institutions respectively.





### Islamic FINTECH

#### «Global Mapping»

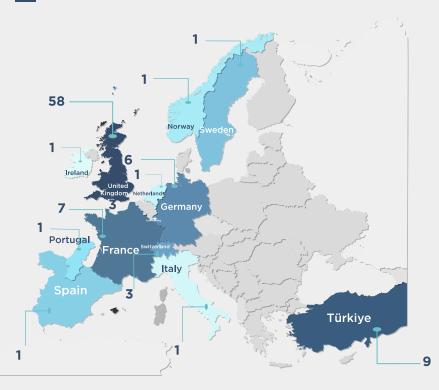
1 Europe's Fintech Market Share

Europe emerges as a significant player in the Islamic Fintech market, with an 19% global market share which further solidifying its status as a key hub for Islamic finance in the western world. Europe's share is surpassed by Southeast Asia and GCC with 30% and 22% of the global share respectively, reflecting the regions' proactive approach towards fostering Islamic Fintech innovation.



#### «Regional Distribution»

2 Number of Fintech Companies across Europe



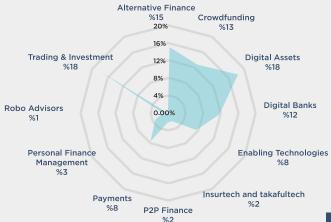
Specifically speaking of Europe, the UK stands out with a substantial presence of 58 institutions, while other European countries also demonstrate notable participation in Islamic Fintech. Türkiye, France and Germany emerge as key players in the Islamic Fintech sector, with 9, 7 and 6 institutions respectively. Moreover, countries such as Luxembourg and Switzerland, known for their strong financial services sectors, also show promising involvement in Islamic Fintech, with 3 institutions each.





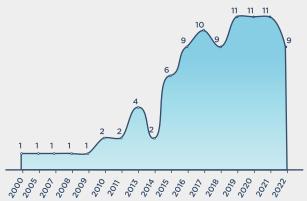
Historically, the establishment of Islamic FINTECH institutions steadily started, then gradually increased. A notable surge occurred post-2010, with a substantial rise in the number of institutions. The peak appears to be around 2019 and 2021, with 11 new institutions each year, suggesting periods of rapid growth and innovation.

### 4 Percentages of Spread of each Service of Fintech in Europe



The UK stands out as a dominant player across all three categories presented in terms of the diversity and quantity, with significant numbers of companies in alternative finance, digital assets and trading & investment. Other countries such as Germany, Luxembourg and Switzerland also have notable presence in specific sectors, while some countries like France and Italy have fewer companies represented in the fintech landscape.

Fintech Trend in Europe from 2000 to 2022



The distribution of FINTECH services in Europe reveals a pretty tight landscape. While trading and investment, and digital assets services lead with 18% adoption, other areas such as alternative finance and crowdfunding also show significant uptake. However, emerging sectors like insurtech and robo-advisors have relatively lower adoption rates, indicating potential for growth in the future.

Number of Islamic Fintech Institutions for Top 3 Services Provided by Country











### **Halal Industry**

#### «Global Mapping»

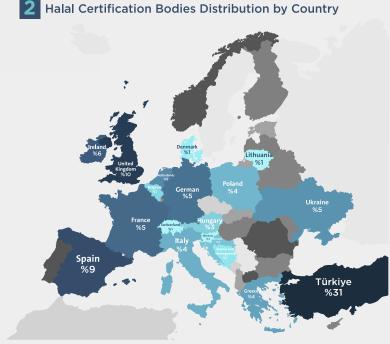
1 Europe's Halal Certification Bodies Market Share



Europe has emerged as a hub for the certification, production and distribution of Halal products across various sectors including food, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals, owing to the volume of Halal exports, the region's Muslim population and growing awareness of Halal standards. Europe dominates the certification body landscape with 36%, indicating its prominence in ensuring compliance to the halal standards, followed by South Asia and Other Asia with 10% and 13% respectively.

## «Regional Distribution»

Türkiye leads with 31% of certification bodies, indicating a significant presence, followed by the UK at 10%. Spain, Ireland, France, Germany and the Netherlands all share similar percentages around 5%, suggesting a moderately dispersed presence. Other countries have smaller percentages, ranging from 1% to 4%, indicating relatively lesser but still notable representation in the context provided.







### **Country Focus - Türkiye**

#### «Banking Sector»

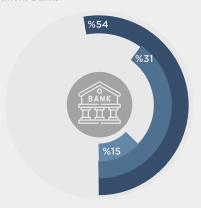
The Islamic economy in Türkiye has been experiencing growth and development in recent years. Türkiye, with its predominantly Muslim population and strategic geographic location bridging Europe and Asia, has been actively fostering Islamic finance and Halal industry sectors. Islamic banking in Türkiye has a notable presence with 7 fully-fledged Islamic banks spread all over Türkiye with a total of 1,459 branches. Supported by the regulatory framework Islamic banks accounts for 15% of the overall banking sector in Türkiye, According to The Banks Association of Türkiye.



33 Deposit Banks

19 Development and Investment Banks

9 Islamic Banks



2 Total Assets for Islamic Banks in Türkiye in Thousands TL in 2023



In 2023, Islamic banks' assets amounted to approximately 2 trillion Turkish Lira (TL). Kuveyt Türk stands out with the highest total assets of around 691 billion TL, followed by Ziraat Katılım and Vakif Katılım with assets of around 383 billion TL and 268 billion TL respectively, reflecting that Islamic banking institutions have demonstrated remarkable financial stability within the Turkish banking system.

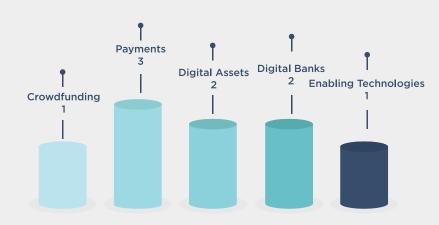




#### « Islamic Fintech»

In Türkiye, Islamic fintech services show a modest presence with a total of 9 institutions offering various services. Payments lead with 3 institutions, Digital banks with 2 institutions, followed by individual representation in crowdfunding, digital assets and enabling technologies sectors, reflecting a nascent but emerging landscape of Islamic fintech in the country.

#### **3** Türkiye - Islamic Fintech Services



### « Halal Industry»

Türkiye is also a significant player in the global halal industry, covering various sectors such as food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and fashion. Notably, Türkiye hosts Europe's sole accreditation body, the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), and is a home for 25 halal certification bodies. Turkish enterprises are progressively prioritizing halal certification and production to meet the rising needs of Muslim consumers worldwide.





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