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Hamid Distefano was born in Genoa (Italy) in 1977, he is graduated in Law and Religions at the University of Turin, Faculty of Law with a thesis on the “Status of Islam in the Italian legal framework”.

He is among the founding partners and current President and CEO of **Halal Italia**, the first official Halal Certification Body in Italy, since August 2010.

Halal Italia acts as halal certification body in the food, cosmetics and pharma sectors with worldwide recognition. He actively participated in several national and international forums, seminars, and conferences to spread awareness about halal lifestyle and rules.

Hamid Distefano was appointed to the Faculty of **NIBI** (The New Institute for International Business), the Business School of the **Chamber of Commerce of Milan** in 2011.

From 2012 to 2015 he was involved in the preparatory working groups for **EXPO Milan 2015** in the “Legal Commission for Food Security and Safety” as an advisor of the Italian Ministry of Agriculture.

From 2015 to 2020 he served as Board of Directors member of **AICE** (Italian Association of Foreign Trade) – ConfCommercio.

Hamid Distefano is currently **COREIS Italiana** (Italian Islamic Religious Community) Head of **Legal Affairs Commission** (2003).

Since 2016 he is **Board of Directors** and **Council of the Imam** member of COREIS, one of the historical and most representative national organization of Islam in Italy.

He is currently Islamic representative in the Lombardy Regional Council for Integration and the Promotion of Interfaith Dialogue (**Regione Lombardia**) and in the Interfaith Committee for Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Since 2021, Hamid Distefano serves as Steering Committee of **Insieme per Prenderci Cura**, an association dedicated to the promotion of awareness and understanding of diverse religious and spiritual care needs within **healthcare** settings.

He wrote some papers and participated in several conferences and seminars in Italy and abroad aimed to promote a better understanding of **Islam in the West**, to strengthen interfaith dialogue and to build a better political, juridical, and social integration of Muslim population in Italy and Europe.