

## **Appendix IX - Guiding Principles for the Selection of Local Authorities to Establish Business Accelerators**

Principles for selecting local authorities for the establishment of business accelerators need to be determined in order to allow as wide a spatial distribution as possible, both geographically and in terms of population size. The selection criteria are as follows:

1. Local authorities that serve a concentration of towns and cities in areas of national priority as defined Government Resolution No. 3738 of April 15, 2018.
2. Towns and cities where there no business assistance services similar to those provided by the Small and Medium-Sized Business Agency (SMBA).
3. The size of the working-age population in the area.
4. The size of the working-age population within a local authority in relation to the working-age population within other local authorities in the same area.
5. The establishment of an accelerator in a local authority in accordance with Item 1 above, that will serve entrepreneurs and business owners within a 25 km radius. A test was conducted to check that the accelerator would serve different local authorities that have a working-age population of 10,000 or more and that lie within a radius of 25 km from each other. This criterion serves high population concentrations in areas of national priority.
6. Local authorities that have academic support nearby through higher education institutions recognized by the Council for Higher Education.
7. The establishment of accelerators in accordance with that specified in government resolutions or by virtue of the law, will be excluded from the model and will be included as part of the list of accelerators.
8. Below is the list of the cities and towns that have been selected in accordance with the principles detailed above:

<b>Name of local authority</b>	<b>Cities where an accelerator will be established</b>	<b>Area responsible for operation</b>
Beer Sheva	Beer Sheva	South
Southern coastal plain and western Negev	Ashkelon	South
Beit Shemesh	Beit Shemesh	Jerusalem
Jezreel Valley and Lower Galilee	Nazareth	North
Eilat	Eilat	South
Northern coastal plain	Nahariya	North
Binyamin		Jerusalem
Karmiel and Beit Hakerem Valley	Karmiel	North
Tiberias	Tiberias	North
Shomron		Jerusalem
Galilee Panhandle	Kiryat Shmona	North