

IN GERMANY there are 16.8 million singles out of a total population of 82.8 million inhabitants (20.3 percent).

Of **THE SINGLES** under 50, women account for the vast majority with 63.2 percent.

ONLY 4.7 MILLION women and men who live alone (28 percent) are single willingly or by conviction.

The most **IMPORTANT PLACE** for finding a partner is now the internet: 43 percent of all *

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SPEED DATING

FOR A FUTURE TOGETHER

“I am happy when I can help people get together.”

Andreas Hobmaier, Process Manager in the Business Development Division, Brückner Servtec



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Brückner Group employee: since 2012

Loves: sport and the wonderful Chiemgau region



The idea arose from personal experience: “I too was single for a long time, but then I took part in a speed-dating event 50 kilometres away in Salzburg, where I met interesting women,” explains Andreas Hobmaier. A longer relationship may not have come from it, but the fun-loving Bavarian thought: “It’s a shame that we don’t have something like that here in the Chiemgau region. So, I took matters into my own hands.”

Outside his work at Brückner Servtec, Hobmaier hosted various events over the years. About four years ago he organised his first speed-dating event: “I do it twice a year now – once in spring, once in late autumn, when people are looking particularly intensively for a partner.”

30 women and 30 men can register in three age groups (20–31 years old, 32–43 and 44 and over) – so far all places have been fully booked. In a pub, behind closed doors and after a welcome drink, the ten ladies in each age group are asked to take a fixed seat; the gentlemen rotate around the room. “The participants then have six minutes for small talk. After that they fill out a rating on a dating card. If two parties like each other, their contact details are exchanged.”

People in his social environment react very positively to his hobby, according to Hobmaier. He does not keep detailed records. “But I have already received good feedback from some happy couples. Meanwhile, there is even a first speed-dating baby.” And meanwhile the likeable Servtec employee has also found love and became a proud father: “By the way, my girlfriend and I did not meet at a speed-dating event,” he grins with a wink.