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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Gabon. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing a bit about yourself! Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (likely *folkeskolen*), you're at a natural transition point in the Danish education system. Let me help you think through your next step by laying out your main options, and then I'll give some tailored advice based on your background and potential interests.

Your Main Options After Primary School in Denmark

After 9th or 10th grade, you typically choose between **general upper secondary education** and **vocational education**:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad program with humanities, social sciences, and sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Emphasis on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter (2-year) option; good if you want to get to university but maybe didn't thrive in folkeskolen.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, VET)

- Combine school and apprenticeship (praktik).
- You learn a trade or profession (e.g., carpenter, electrician, health care assistant, hairdresser, chef, IT support, etc.).
- You can later move on to further education if you want.

3. EUX – A Mix of Both

- Combines vocational training with a study-level exam, so you can work or go to university afterward.



What to Consider When Choosing

Here are a few guiding questions to think about:

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1. What subjects do you enjoy most?

- If you like science, tech, or problem-solving → HTX or EUX-technical could be great.
- If you're interested in people, society, or communication → STX or HHX might fit.
- If you want to learn a practical skill and start working soon → VET or EUX.

2. Do you want to go to university later?

- If yes, STX, HHX, HTX, or EUX are good options.
- If you're unsure, VET is more direct for jobs but you can always study later.

3. Do you prefer classroom learning or learning-by-doing?

- Classroom → Gymnasiale uddannelser.
- Practical, hands-on learning → VET or EUX.

Tailored Advice for You

Since you're bilingual (Danish and likely French or another Gabonese language), that's a big advantage. Here's some advice tailored to your situation:

- **If you're academically strong and curious:**
Consider **STX** – it's the most flexible and widely recognized. You can choose a focus like science, languages, or social studies. If you have any interest in helping your community or working internationally, STX opens doors.
- **If you're business-minded or like finance, marketing, or trade:**
HHX could suit you well – especially useful if you might want to work with international companies (your multicultural background is a plus).
- **If you're hands-on, creative, or want to start working sooner:**
EUX is a smart route. You learn a trade but still get the academic qualifications needed for higher education.
- **If school was a bit of a challenge or you want a shorter program:**
HF might be a good fit. It's more mature, shorter, and offers a more adult-like learning environment.

Next Steps

1. **Talk to an educational counselor at your school or a local UU-vejleder (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning).** They help students exactly in your position.
2. **Visit open house events** at gymnasier and erhvervsskoler in your area.
3. **Ask yourself where you want to be in 5 years.** What kind of life or job do you see yourself in?

If you tell me more about your interests, strengths, or dream job (even if it's vague), I can give even more specific suggestions.