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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Netherlands. 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 your background — being bilingual and having cultural roots in both Denmark and the Netherlands gives you a strong and unique starting point. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a typical decision point where many Danish students choose between several educational paths depending on their interests, goals, and strengths.

Here's a breakdown of your options after Folkeskolen (primary/lower secondary school) in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Focus)

If you're academically inclined and might want to go to university later, one of these is a solid path:

A. STX (Alment Gymnasium)

- Broad academic education
- Strong in languages, social sciences, natural sciences, or arts
- 3 years
- Good for university preparation

B. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on business, economics, and international trade
- Includes languages and marketing
- 3 years
- Great if you're interested in business or management

C. HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on technology, science, and innovation
- 3 years
- Ideal if you like STEM subjects (science, tech, engineering, math)

D. IB (International Baccalaureate)

- International education in English
- Great for international university access
- Ideal for bilinguals like you
- Requires strong academic skills

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

If you're more into practical, hands-on work and want to enter the job market faster or do an apprenticeship:

- Combines school and on-the-job training
- Usually takes 3–5 years
- Leads to skilled professions (e.g., electrician, carpenter, chef, healthcare assistant)
- You can still go to higher education later with **EUX**, a combined academic and vocational track

EUX (Combination: VET + Academic Level)**

- Combines practical vocational training with general academic subjects
- Opens both job and university doors
- More demanding, but very flexible long-term

So, what should you choose?

Here are some key questions to guide your choice:

1. Do you want to go to university someday?

- Yes → Consider **STX**, **HHX**, **HTX**, or **IB**
- Not sure → **EUX** gives flexibility
- No → A **Vocational Education (EUD)** might suit you

2. What are you interested in?

- Science & technology → **HTX**
- Business & economics → **HHX**
- Humanities & social science → **STX**
- Practical skills & working soon → **EUD** or **EUX**
- International outlook → **IB**

3. How do you prefer to learn?

- Academically, through books and theory → **STX/HHX/HTX**
 - Practically, through hands-on work → **EUD/EUX**
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Your Dutch Background

Being bilingual and bicultural is a huge asset. Some ways to use it:

- Choose a path that includes **language learning** (Dutch, English, or even German/French).
 - Consider an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** if you're open to studying in English and possibly abroad later.
 - Long-term, this background could help in careers like international business, diplomacy, translation, or tourism.
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Final Thoughts

You're young, and it's okay not to have everything figured out. But here are **3 suggestions** based on what you've shared:

1. **STX or HHX**: If you're curious and open, these give a good, flexible foundation.
2. **IB**: If you're ambitious, globally minded, and comfortable studying in English.
3. **EUX**: If you like practical work but want to keep your university options open.

Would you like help deciding between a few specific interests or schools in your area? I can guide you further if you tell me what subjects you like or what careers interest you.