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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Azerbaijan. 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 — you're in a really important and exciting phase of your life right now. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and are fluent in Danish, you have many options ahead of you. The best educational path depends on your interests, strengths, and goals, but I can help outline the main routes in Denmark and some factors to consider.

Main Educational Options After Primary School in Denmark

After 9th or 10th grade (which is typically the end of **folkeskolen**), students in Denmark usually choose between these three main paths:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary General Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium)** Broad education with humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Good for university preparation.
- **HHX (Handelsskole)** Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Great if you're interested in commerce or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)** Focus on science, technology, and engineering. Ideal for future studies in tech or science.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** Shorter (2 years), more practical. Can be good if you want to move faster or didn't get the best grades.
- Best for you if:

You enjoy academic learning and want to keep your options open for university.

2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse / Vocational Education and Training)

Vocational training where you learn a trade (e.g., electrician, mechanic, healthcare worker, chef).

- Combines school and apprenticeship (praktik) with real-world experience.
- Takes around 3–5 years.
- You can still go to university later, especially with the EUX version (more academically focused).

Best for you if:

You like hands-on work and want to start a career early with strong job prospects.



3. Kombinerede Uddannelser - EUX

EUX mixes vocational training (EUD) with gymnasium-level academics.

- You become skilled in a trade **and** earn a qualification that gives university access.
- Demanding, but very versatile.
- Pest for you if:

You're not sure whether you want to go to university or start working — this keeps both doors open.

How to Choose?

Here are a few guiding questions to think about:

| Question | What It Might Suggest |
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| Do you enjoy theoretical learning and reading? | Consider STX or HHX |
| Are you interested in business, finance, or marketing? | Consider HHX |
| Are you into technology, science, or engineering? | Consider HTX |
| Do you prefer learning by doing (praktisk arbejde)? | Consider EUD |
| Are you not sure what you want yet? | STX or EUX can keep options open |

Additional Tip:

Since your parents are from Azerbaijan and you grew up in Denmark, you also bring a unique cultural perspective that can be a big strength. Bilingualism and cross-cultural understanding are huge assets in areas like international business, diplomacy, education, and social work.

Final Thoughts

At 16, you don't need to have your entire life figured out. Choosing a path that matches your interests and strengths **now** is a great first step — you can always pivot later. Denmark's education system is very flexible and supportive of second chances.

If you want, I can help you make a personal plan based on your interests, subjects you like, and career ideas you're curious about. Would you like to explore that?