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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Morocco. 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 that. It's great that you're already thinking carefully about your future — and you're in a good position, especially being fluent in Danish and having a multicultural background, which can be a strength in both education and work.

Since you just finished primary school in Denmark and you're 16, your next step is typically to choose a **youth education program** (*ungdomsuddannelse*). Denmark offers a few different main tracks, depending on your interests, strengths, and goals. Let's walk through your options.

Main Education Paths in Denmark After Primary School

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

Types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary, broad focus (humanities, sciences, social studies).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Business-focused, good if you're interested in economics, marketing, or trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focuses on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – A shorter, 2-year academic program (good for those who want a quicker route to higher education or who prefer a more practical style).

✓ Choose this path if:

- You want to go to university.
- You enjoy academic subjects like math, science, languages, or social studies.
- You're not sure yet what you want to be, but want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This is more hands-on and prepares you for a specific job (or even further education later).

You'll start with basic courses and then do **apprenticeships** in real companies.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Hairdresser
- Mechanic
- Carpenter
- Health care worker
- IT supporter

✓ **Choose this path if:**

- You want to work with your hands or do something practical.
- You want to start earning money earlier.
- You're motivated by learning in real-life environments, not just in a classroom.

3. EUX – A Combination of Academic and Vocational Education

This combines a vocational education with a higher academic level. You get a vocational diploma **plus** qualifications that allow you to go to university later.

✓ **Choose this if:**

- You want job skills *and* the chance to go to university.
- You're ambitious and like both theory and practice.
- You're unsure if you want to work right away or study more later.

Some Questions to Help You Decide:

- Do you like studying subjects like history, math, science, or languages?
- Would you prefer to learn in a classroom or by doing things in real life?
- Do you have a dream job already (doctor, teacher, engineer, carpenter, mechanic, businessperson)?
- Would you prefer to start working and earning sooner?

My Advice Based on What You've Shared:

Since you're fluent in Danish, were born and raised here, and have just finished primary school, you have all the normal options open to you.

If you're still unsure what you want, I'd recommend:

→ **STX or HF**, because they keep many doors open.

But if you know you like something practical (like mechanics, IT, beauty, or trades), then an **EUD or EUX** path could be excellent — especially **EUX**, which gives you the best of both worlds.

Next Steps

1. **Talk to a guidance counselor** (*studievejleder*) at your school or local youth education center (*UU-vejledning*).
 2. **Visit schools** that offer the tracks you're interested in — many have open house events.
 3. **Consider a “brobygning” or internship** — short programs that let you try out different educations before you decide.
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Would you like help thinking about specific careers or subjects you're interested in? I can help match those to the best educational path in Denmark.