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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Norway. 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 — you're at an exciting point in life where you have a lot of opportunities in front of you. In Denmark, after finishing **folkeskole** (primary and lower secondary school), you have several options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here's an overview of the main educational paths available to you at 16 in Denmark, and how to choose among them:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs preparing you for higher education (e.g., university or professional academies).

Options include:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad focus – humanities, sciences, social sciences. Good if you're unsure about your future career and want to keep doors open.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and languages. Good for those interested in business, international work, or economics.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on technology, science, IT, and math. Ideal if you're into science, engineering, or tech.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented, suited for those who want a faster path to further education. Often used by students who are a bit older or who need a more flexible program.

✓ **Choose this route if** you enjoy academic subjects, want to go to university, or aren't yet sure about a profession.

♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This combines school with paid apprenticeships. You learn a trade and can become, for example, a carpenter, chef, electrician, mechanic, or health worker.

- Takes 3–5 years depending on the program and includes both classroom education and time at a real workplace.
- You can continue to higher education (e.g., erhvervsakademi) later if you want.

✓ **Choose this route if** you prefer practical learning and want to start working earlier in a skilled trade.

♦ 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

This is a hybrid between vocational education and gymnasium. You get a vocational qualification **and** a studentereksamen, so you can work in a trade or go to university.

✓ **Choose this if** you want both practical skills and the option to pursue university studies later.

♦ 4. International Opportunities

Since you're fluent in Danish and have Norwegian heritage, you could also consider:

- **Nordic mobility programs:** You could study in Norway later with few barriers (shared educational standards and language similarities).
 - **International high schools** (e.g., IB – International Baccalaureate), if you're interested in studying abroad later or having more of an international environment.
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How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning or more hands-on activities?
 - Do I already have a career goal, or do I want to keep my options open?
 - Do I want to go to university later?
 - Am I interested in working with people, technology, business, or something else?
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My General Advice for You:

If you're unsure and want to keep your options open, **STX or HHX** are solid choices. If you already know you enjoy working with your hands or want to enter a specific trade, **EUD or EUX** might be the better fit. You could also try a **brobygning** (bridge-building course) to experience different programs before committing.

Would you like me to help you compare some specific schools or programs in your area in Denmark? Or do you want help identifying your interests and strengths to guide your choice?