ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Albania. 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 — that's really helpful. Since you've just finished **primary school in Denmark** (which typically ends around 9th or 10th grade), you're at a key decision point. The good news is Denmark has a flexible education system with several paths, depending on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn.

Here are the **main options** available after primary school in Denmark:

🎓 1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in going to university someday, this is usually the best route.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focuses on general subjects like Danish, English, science, social studies, etc.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international topics.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focuses on science, tech, and math.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter, 2-year version (often for slightly older students or those who took a gap year).

Recommended if:
You enjoy academic subjects and are considering university in the future.

🛠️ 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

You learn both in school and through internships at companies.

- Can lead to becoming a **craftsperson, IT technician, electrician, healthcare worker, chef**, etc.
- Usually 2-5 years depending on the program and specialization.
- You get a job much faster and can still go to university later (with extra courses or a *eux* option).

Recommended if:
You prefer hands-on learning, want to start working sooner, or like a specific trade or job.

🔄 3. EUX – The Combined Path

This is a mix of **vocational education and general upper secondary** (like STX). You become skilled in a profession **and** get a diploma that allows you to apply to university.

Recommended if:
You want both options: a practical job and a potential university path.

🕐 How to decide?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

1. **Do you like academic subjects like math, languages, history, or science?**
   - → Go for **STX**, **HTX**, or **HHX**.
2. **Do you prefer doing things with your hands or learning through real work experience?**
   - → Consider **EUD** or **EUX**.
3. **Do you want to go to university someday, or are you more interested in starting a career sooner?**
   - → **University:** STX/HTX/HHX or EUX
   - → **Career sooner:** EUD
4. **Do you have specific interests already?**
   - For example, if you like **business**, HHX might be great.
   - If you're into **technology**, HTX or a vocational path in IT could suit you.

🧑 You might also consider...

- **10th Grade**: Some students take an extra year to prepare. You can do it at a regular school or a *efterskole* (residential school), which can be a great social and educational experience.
- **Efterskole**: If you want a break from the usual, this 1-year school can help you grow personally and figure out what you want.

Final Advice:

- **Talk to your school counselor (UU-vejleder)** — they're there to help you plan.
- **Visit open house events** at gymnasiums and vocational schools.
- **Talk to your parents** — they know you well and might offer good perspective.

If you'd like, I can help you make a more personal plan if you tell me what your interests are (e.g., do you like math, art, technology, helping people, etc.).