ChatGPT

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Poland. 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 your background—that helps a lot in giving you a good answer.

Since you're 16 and just finished **primary school in Denmark** (probably *folkeskole*), you're now facing the decision of what to do next—**ungdomsuddannelse** (youth education). Denmark has a well-structured education system, and your path depends on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here's a breakdown of your **main options**, along with suggestions based on different types of students:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are good if you want to **go to university** later.

Types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broadest, with focus on humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)** – Focus on technology, natural sciences, and IT.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more flexible, for people who want a simpler route to higher education or need a fresh start.

  - ◆ **Recommended if** you're academically strong, curious about many subjects, and might want to go to university.

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

These combine **school and apprenticeship**—you learn a trade while getting paid.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser

- Mechanic
- IT-supporter
- Health care assistant

  - ◆ **Recommended if** you enjoy hands-on work, want to earn earlier, and are more practical than theoretical.

💼 3. EUX – The Hybrid Path

This combines vocational education **with subjects at gymnasial level**. You can get both a trade and a qualification for university.

  - ◆ **Recommended if** you're interested in both working in a trade and possibly studying later.

How to Decide?

Here are some **questions to ask yourself**:

1. **Do you want to go to university one day?**
   → Go with **STX, HHX, HTX, or HF** (or **EUX** if you're also interested in trades).

2. **Do you prefer practical learning?**
   → Go for **EUD** or **EUX**.

3. **Are you interested in business or technology?**
   → Consider **HHX** (business) or **HTX** (tech and science).

4. **Do you want to work soon and earn money?**
   → **EUD** or **EUX** is better than a full academic track.

Being Polish-Danish: A Bonus

Your Polish background and fluency in Danish could be an advantage:

- **HHX** includes language and international business – useful if you see a future in working between Denmark and Poland.
- You could also consider **learning Polish formally** and turning it into a strength (e.g., translator, international trade, etc.).

Final Thoughts

If you're unsure, here's a simple idea:

- **Visit educational fairs (uddannelsesmesser)**.
- **Try a few "brobygning" (intro days)** at different schools.

- **Talk to a guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)** – they help 16-year-olds like you every day.

Would you like help picking based on your personal interests or subjects you like? I can give a more specific recommendation if you tell me a bit more.