

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Montenegro. 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! You're at a key decision point, and your options now will shape not only your education but also your future career path — but the good news is that Denmark's education system gives you several flexible routes.

## 🎓 Your Options After Primary School in Denmark (Folkeskole)

Since you've finished 9th grade (or maybe 10th?), you now have a few main options. Here's a breakdown, including my recommendation depending on your interests and goals.

### 💡 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

This is a common path if you're not 100% sure yet what you want, or you think you might want to go to university later.

#### Options include:

- **STX:** General upper secondary education – broad, academic. Great if you like humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HHX:** Business-oriented – economics, international trade, etc. Good for entrepreneurship or business careers.
- **HTX:** Technical and science-oriented – good for engineering, tech, and science interests.
- **HF:** Shorter (2 years), more practical than STX – good if you want to work sooner or go into specific higher education programs later.

✅ **Recommended if:** You want to keep your options open, enjoy school-based learning, or aim to go to university in Denmark or abroad.

### 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

This is great if you're more hands-on and want to work sooner in skilled trades or technical fields (e.g., electrician, mechanic, chef, IT support).

- Takes 3–5 years depending on your path.
- Often includes apprenticeships (praktikplads).
- Can also lead to **EUX**, which combines VET with upper secondary exam (gives you access to university too).

✅ **Recommended if:** You like practical work and want to get into a profession faster — or combine it with academic possibilities (via EUX).

### 3. International Options / Studying Abroad (or in English)

Since your background includes Montenegro, you might also consider:

- Studying abroad in the Balkans or elsewhere in Europe
- Taking an international education in Denmark (like IB – International Baccalaureate)

✅ **Recommended if:** You're interested in international environments, languages, or possibly living abroad in the future.

### How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school, reading, writing, and exams? → Gymnasiale uddannelser
- Do I prefer hands-on, real-world tasks and learning by doing? → VET / EUX
- Am I interested in business, tech, healthcare, or something specific already?

### You Can Change Paths

One of the best things about the Danish system is **flexibility**. Even if you start in STX, HHX, or VET, you can often pivot later. You're not stuck.

### Final Recommendation (based on your age and situation):

**If you're unsure and want to keep your options open**, I recommend **STX or HHX** — especially if you're curious about university or broader career choices later.

If you're already into a field like **IT, engineering, hospitality, or trades**, look at **EUX** — it's a smart combo of vocational + academic learning.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark? I can help with that too.