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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Germany. 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 with lots of possibilities ahead! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends around 9th or 10th grade, depending on your path), your next step will likely involve choosing between **general upper secondary education** or **vocational education and training (VET)**. Here's an overview of your main options:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education

This is the best choice if you think you might want to go to **university** later. There are three main options here:

► STX (Studentereksamen)

- Academic, broad focus (sciences, humanities, social sciences)
- Lasts 3 years
- Best if you enjoy school and want many future study options
- Often more theoretical than practical

► HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on business, economics, and international studies
- Also 3 years
- A good match if you like subjects like marketing, trade, or want a future in business or entrepreneurship

► HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Emphasizes science, technology, and engineering
- Ideal if you like IT, programming, design, or innovation
- 3 years as well

🔧 2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD/EUX)

If you prefer **hands-on learning** or want to enter the job market sooner, this is a great option:

► EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse)

- Prepares you for a skilled trade (electrician, chef, carpenter, etc.)
- Combines school and apprenticeship
- Often 2–4 years

► EUX (Vocational + Higher Education Option)

- Combines VET with general upper secondary courses
- Takes longer but gives you the right to enter university **and** a trade
- Perfect if you're unsure whether to go to university or straight to work

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- **Do I want to study more theoretical subjects or work more practically?**
- **Do I enjoy school and exams, or do I learn better through hands-on work?**
- **Am I already passionate about a specific field?**
- **Do I want to keep doors open for university later, or enter the job market sooner?**

Bonus: Your German Background

Being fluent in Danish and having German roots can be a **huge advantage** — you might want to:

- Consider an international focus (e.g., HHX with international business)
- Study or work in Germany in the future (maybe later Erasmus+ or German university)
- Pursue language-related careers (e.g., translation, diplomacy, international business)

Recommendation

If you're still unsure but generally enjoy school and want to keep your options open:

STX or EUX would be solid, flexible choices.

If you already know you like a practical field (like IT, engineering, design, cooking, etc.):

HTX or EUD/EUX in that area might be more motivating and lead to quicker job opportunities.

Would you like help deciding based on your interests or subjects you enjoyed most in primary school? I can help narrow it down further.