

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Bosnia and Herzegovina. 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?

That's a really important decision you're facing, and it's great that you're thinking carefully about it. Since you're in Denmark, just finished *folkeskole* (primary and lower secondary school), and you're 16, you likely have a few common options for what to do next:

## Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university. Ideal if you enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to pursue a university degree.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen):** Broadest option, with humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** A shorter (2-year) program, more flexible, often used by those who didn't finish 10th grade or who want to get to university faster.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

If you're more into practical work or want to start a career faster (but you can still take extra courses later and go to university if you want).

- You choose a profession (e.g. electrician, mechanic, carpenter, healthcare worker, etc.).
- Split between school and apprenticeship.
- Can lead to a stable job quickly and can be a great option if you prefer hands-on work.

### 3. EUX (Combined Vocational + General Education)

A great "middle way" – combines vocational training with academic subjects, giving you both practical skills and the option to go to university later.

## How to Decide?

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Do you like studying theoretical subjects like math, history, science, languages?
- Or do you prefer doing practical, hands-on work?
- Do you already know what kind of job or career you're interested in?

- Do you want to go to university in the future?
- Do you feel more ready to keep studying full-time, or would you like to start working/earning earlier?

### **My Recommendation (Based on What You've Said)**

You're fluent in Danish, born and raised here, and you've just finished *folkeskole*. If you don't yet know exactly what you want to do in the future, **STX or HHX** would be good broad options that keep many doors open.

- If you're interested in **business, marketing, international trade**, or possibly combining your Bosnian background with something international – **HHX** could be a great fit.
- If you're more into **sciences, literature, social studies, or languages** – **STX** might be better.

If you're more into **practical work**, and like the idea of learning a trade and starting a career sooner, **EUD or EUX** could be great options. **EUX** is especially good because it doesn't close any doors.

### **Final Tips**

- You can also **take 10th grade**, if you're unsure what to do next. It gives you an extra year to think and prepare.
- Most schools have **career guidance counselors** (Studievejleder) – don't hesitate to talk to them!
- Ask to visit a **gymnasium** or **technical school** and maybe sit in on a class or open house.
- Think about what you enjoy doing in your free time – it often reflects what you'll enjoy in a future job.

Would you like help deciding based on your interests or strengths in certain subjects? I can guide you further if you tell me more about what you like or what kind of future you imagine.