

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Republic of Moldova. 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 important turning point, and it's great that you're thinking seriously about your future.


In Denmark, after finishing **primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole)** around age 16, you have several main educational paths to choose from depending on your interests, strengths, and goals:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically oriented programs and good if you're considering **university or higher education later**.

The main options are:


- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad and academic, with humanities, sciences, and social studies.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), good if you prefer a less intense academic path and want access to some higher education options.

 *Recommended if you enjoy academic subjects and want to keep many doors open.*

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This path is more practical and leads to a skilled trade or profession (e.g., electrician, mechanic, healthcare assistant, chef, carpenter).


- Includes both **school** and **apprenticeship** in a company.
- Takes 3-5 years depending on the program and your prior experience.
- You can later build on it with further education like **EUX** (see below) or **Erhvervsakademiuddannelser** (short-cycle higher education).

 *Recommended if you like hands-on work, want to start earning earlier, or are interested in a specific craft or trade.*

3. EUX – A mix of vocational and academic education

This is a combination of **EUD + gymnasial-level courses**. You get both a trade and a study qualification.

- Great if you want to **learn a trade but also keep the option of university** open.
- Demanding, but valuable — you're getting two educations in one.

 *Recommended if you're ambitious and want both practical skills and academic qualifications.*

What to consider when choosing:

- **Do you enjoy academic learning?** → Consider STX, HHX, HTX, or HF.
- **Are you more hands-on/practical?** → Consider EUD or EUX.
- **What subjects excite you the most?** (science, tech, economics, languages?)
- **Do you already have a career dream?** (doctor, engineer, businessperson, electrician, designer, etc.)
- **How important is it to start working and earning soon?**

Bonus: Your background

Being fluent in Danish and having Moldovan roots can be a strength:

- Language and cultural knowledge can be useful in international business, diplomacy, translation, or NGOs.
- You could consider a path involving **languages, intercultural communication, or international trade (HHX)**.
- If you're good with tech or science, **HTX** could be a great match too — it's increasingly relevant globally.

Final advice

If you're unsure, consider:

- **Talking to a study and career counselor (studievejleder)** — they're available in every school.
- **Visiting educational fairs (uddannelsesmesser)** and **school open house days (åbent hus)**.
- Doing a **"brobygning" or internship** to try out different educations before choosing.

If you share what subjects or careers you're interested in, I can help narrow it down more specifically.