

# Primary school portfolio of educational choice

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 DENMARK

## Timeline

2017 Implementation	2018 Implementation	2019 Implementation
2020 Implementation	2021 Implementation	2022 Implementation
2023 Implementation	2024 Implementation	2025 Implementation

ID number 28760

## Objectives

Ensuring each student undertakes a systematic reflection of his or her educational choices based on self-awareness, knowledge and experience.

## Description

In 2017, a new initiative was launched by the Ministry of Children and Education: the Portfolio of educational choice. The portfolio aims to strengthen thinking on educational choice at primary school (folkeskole). From the 2017/18 school year, students in the eighth grade of compulsory education must have their training plan attached to a personal portfolio showing how they have taken advantage of the guidance they have received. It must be clear from the portfolio how, following the guidance received, the student has undertaken systematic reflection on his or her education wishes, based on self-awareness, knowledge and experience.

### 2017 Implementation

### 2018 Implementation

### 2019 Implementation

There have been no significant changes in the implementation of this initiative since 2018.

### 2020 Implementation

There have been no significant changes in the implementation of this initiative since 2019.

### 2021 Implementation

The work on the implementation continued.

### **2022 Implementation**

The initiative was operational and ran as regular practice.

### **2023 Implementation**

The initiative was operational and ran as regular practice.

### **2024 Implementation**

The initiative was operational and ran as regular practice.

### **2025 Implementation**

The initiative was operational and ran as regular practice.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Ministry of Children and Education

## **Target group**

### **Education professionals**

Guidance practitioners

### **Other**

Students in compulsory  
School

## **Thematic categories**

### **Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation**

Lifelong guidance

## **Subsystem**

IVET

## **Further reading**

[My education \(in Danish\)](#)

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[MyEducation - a coherent online education platform](#)

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[MyEducation - a coherent digital educational platform](#)

## **Related policy developments**

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### **2025 Implementation**

### **Role models in youth guidance**

The initiative is a prolongation of an existing system for the use of role models in providing guidance on VET. The use of role models, i.e. using young people from VET as ‘counsellors’ in primary schools, has shown good results in this respect.

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**Type of development**

Regulation/Legislation

**Subsystem**

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**2024 Completed**

## Enhanced guidance

This initiative consists of:

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**Type of development**

Practical  
measure/Initiative

**Subsystem**

IVET

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**2025 Implementation**

## Parliament's agreement to increase the attractiveness of VET

On 22 November 2018, parties in the Danish Parliament concluded an agreement to increase the attractiveness of VET.

The main initiatives under the agreement were:

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**Type of development**

Strategy/Action  
plan

**Subsystem**

IVET CVET

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