

AI providers and access

TranslatePilot translates through the AI service of your choice. Provider, access and model are configured in the component options (*Components* → *TranslatePilot* → *Options*, tab "Translation").

The providers

- **Claude (Anthropic).** You create the API key in the Anthropic console (`platform.claude.com`). Billing is per token; TranslatePilot shows a USD cost estimate before every run and enforces the cost limit.
- **Mittwald AI Hosting.** You create the API key in mStudio, section AI hosting. The models run on European infrastructure; billing is a monthly flat plan with a token quota. TranslatePilot therefore shows no USD estimate but how many tokens a run is expected to take out of the quota.
- **OpenAI, Google Gemini, Mistral and DeepSeek.** For these providers the base address is built in — you only enter the API key of the respective service. Billing is per token at the provider; TranslatePilot shows the estimated token count per run. A USD limit is possible by entering the price per million tokens in the options — the cost limit then applies too.
- **Custom (OpenAI-compatible).** For any further service speaking the widespread OpenAI interface. Additionally enter the base address of the API, including the version path — for example `https://example.org/v1`.

Choosing a model — the list comes from the provider

Once provider and API key are saved, TranslatePilot queries the available models directly from the provider and offers them in the model field. You always choose from the current offering, without typing model names.

The list appears only **after saving** provider and key — save the options once and reopen them. When the provider is temporarily unreachable, the last saved model value stays selectable; nothing gets lost.

Switching providers

Switching is possible at any time: change the provider, enter the matching key, save, pick the model from the freshly loaded list. Two things are deliberate:

- **The approval applies per provider and model.** After a switch, the first real run requires a freshly reviewed sample — a different model translates differently, and you should have seen that before it writes into your content.
- **Existing translations stay untouched.** The switch alone retranslates nothing; only changed articles get continued with the new provider.

Key security

The API key is used server-side only, never output to the browser and never written to logs.

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