



Kinematic Plate Reconstruction Project

The New Kinematic Plate Reconstruction Project has delivered its detailed final results which will remain confidential to the Group for three years. A summary public report will be published early next year. Member companies are absorbing the implications of the findings for prospectivity in the various Atlantic Margins basins.

Reflection Seismic Survey

The DCENR/ENI deep long offset reflection seismic survey this year will be a critical addition to the next update of the Plate Reconstruction Model. A new refraction seismic line will also be considered.

Further research

Further research work includes reservoir provenance, source rock, oil characterisation and oil-source rock correlation studies.

New projects

New projects approved for funding by PIP this year include a South Porcupine sand provenance study (UCC), a Trans-Atlantic source rock and oil characterisation study (MUN), a Carboniferous black shale study (TCD), a marine gas seep study (DCU) and a Floating Production Facilities Downtime Study (UCC).

Open Call

PIP announced an Open Call for projects in April 2013 with a deadline for proposals in August. Forty project proposals were received under the three research themes: Geology and Geophysics, Engineering and Environment. The research budget of €2.5m will be awarded to the qualifying successful project proposals following an assessment process and final approval by the PIP Management Committee later this year.

Ireland has significant potential but is underexplored

- PIP's vital petroleum research is addressing the needs of industry and government.
- PIP is playing a key role promoting Ireland's prospectivity.
- Government and industry support for petroleum systems research is essential to reduce exploration risk and increase drilling activity.

