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Purpose	I will use the soil data for spatial analysis and academic research purposes to understand the distribution of soil types in Europe using GIS software
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