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Technical assistance concerning the use of the LUCAS data can be obtained from : ec-esdac@ec.europa.eu

ANNEX 1: SPECIFICATION OF LUCAS_SOIL DATA

Database: The LUCAS_SOIL data are :

- In MS Excel format for the soil properties data: LUCAS_TOPSOIL_v1.xlsx
- 1 formats for Soil Multispectral data: LUCAS_TOPSOIL_v1_spectral.rdata (RDATA)

Reports (Proposed Citation): The LUCAS_SOIL data are documented in the report:

- Orgiazzi, A., Ballabio, C., Panagos, P., Jones, A. and Fernández-Ugalde, O., 2018. [LUCAS Soil, the largest expandable soil dataset for Europe: a review](#). *European Journal of Soil Science*, **69**(1): 140-153.
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