

Interview with Ms. Irma Soldevilla

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Josep Espluga (JE): You have witnessed the development of the STAVE tool and its application in the specific case of energy saving at home in a neighbourhood in Barcelona. What do you think about its operation, and to what extent its results have been useful for your work?

Irma Soldevilla (IS): The tool was highly effective and worked quite well. It allowed us to monitor the behaviour of two different citizen groups: one with a smart energy meter at home and the other without it. STAVE generates a deep understanding of daily citizen processes, and helps to figure out how concrete policies could actually be implemented in the whole city.

JE: What are the advantages of this tool if compared to others you have used?

IS: I think STAVE is particularly strong and rigorous when monitoring daily citizen practices. Other methods are useful too, but STAVE provides really detail knowledge on daily lives. You can really test the effects of a policy versus another.

JE: After this experience would you recommend STAVE for other cases or institutions?

IS: Yes, I would recommend it but clear and well-defined objectives and time-table should be kept in mind. I think it is a valuable tool to explore how policies may apply in a particular case. As far as I see it, STAVE allows draw conclusions from a particular case, and then it helps to consider how to apply it with maximum efficiency to the whole city.

JE: Thanks for all.

IS: You're welcome