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## **DANINA KAPETANOVIC APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HACKING HEALTH**

**Montreal, May 22, 2019** - Hacking Health Foundation announced today that its Board had appointed Ms. Danina Kapetanovic as the new Executive Director. This leadership appointment is effective immediately and follows the decision from Ms. Isabelle Vézina to step down as Executive Director of the organization to pursue personal endeavors. Ms. Vézina succeeded Luc Sirois, co-founder of Hacking Health, and successfully structured the not-for-profit organization while developing high-impact partnerships for the movement and strengthening the global core team.

"We regret Isabelle's departure as the Executive Director but are happy to welcome her to the board where she will continue to contribute to the movement's growth. We are delighted to welcome Danina to Hacking Health and believe that her experience with UN agencies will be instrumental in the next phase of development of our organization," says Luc Sirois. The Board was impressed by Ms. Kapetanovic's experience - both on a professional and personal level - and her leadership capabilities.

"Ms. Kapetanovic brings tremendous international experience solving impactful global health challenges," says Hadi Salah, Hacking Health co-founder and member of the Board. "She's a collaborator at heart, bringing together essential stakeholders, including governments, NGOs, global foundations, charities, and innovators to solve these challenges."

Ms. Kapetanovic has an impressive track record of accomplishment at United Nations agencies in various countries. She speaks four languages, and her last experience was Executive Manager, Public Partnership Division, with UNICEF in New York City (USA) where she had a profound impact during her tenure.

The Board and the Global Team feel fortunate to have someone of Ms. Kapetanovic's caliber and experience step up to lead Hacking Health. "We believe that Ms. Kapetanovic will continue to rally our leaders from across the world and attract new partners to join their forces and bring more innovation to healthcare," concluded Ms. Vézina.

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### **About Hacking Health**

Created in 2012 and headquartered in Montreal, Hacking Health is a not-for-profit organization that fosters innovation in healthcare. All around the world, Hacking Health's volunteers create ecosystems of innovation and have organized +140 hackathons in 63 cities (17 countries, five continents). These events bring together doctors, nurses, administrative staff of healthcare institutions, patients, designers, developers, engineers, and entrepreneurs to co-create concrete solutions to real healthcare issues. Hacking Health counts 39 vibrant chapters with +600 volunteers who want to have an impact on healthcare.

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