**Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (S&D).** – Mr President, dear Prime Minister Rinne, as a Finn I’m happy to see you amongst the European leaders who wants to protect Europeans and European values. I’m delighted to see the Finnish Presidency is prepared to take Europe on the sustainable path forward and not give up, but strengthen and not weaken Europe.

The topics chosen by the Presidency are climate change, putting citizens in focus and promoting a more social Europe, and tightly protecting the rule of law and human rights. These are all timely now.

It is crucial to act now on climate. We can: we are a region of 500 million citizens. The European Parliament wants to reduce emissions by 55% by 2030 and yesterday we heard the same figure from Ursula von der Leyen in this very same Hemicycle.

If the European Union wants to be the global leader in climate action and the global leader in technological solutions to boost jobs, I think that the EU should have a clear and solid message to take and present in September when the United Nations have an extraordinary summit on climate. Would you agree, Prime Minister?