

Finland PM says Europe is ‘not strong enough’, blasts the EU and Germany for cosying up to Putin and warns against depending on authoritarian states such as China

Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin on Friday offered a ‘brutally honest’ assessment of Europe’s defence capabilities, stating bluntly that ‘we’re not strong enough’ to stand up to Moscow alone before warning against dependence on China.

‘We should make sure that we are stronger,’ Marin said in Sydney on Friday, before adding: ‘I’ll be brutally honest with you, Europe isn’t strong enough. We would be in trouble without the United States.’

She went on to say Europe has ‘become far too dependent on cooperation with regimes that do not share our common values’, using Finland’s reliance on Russian energy as an example, before turning to China.

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