

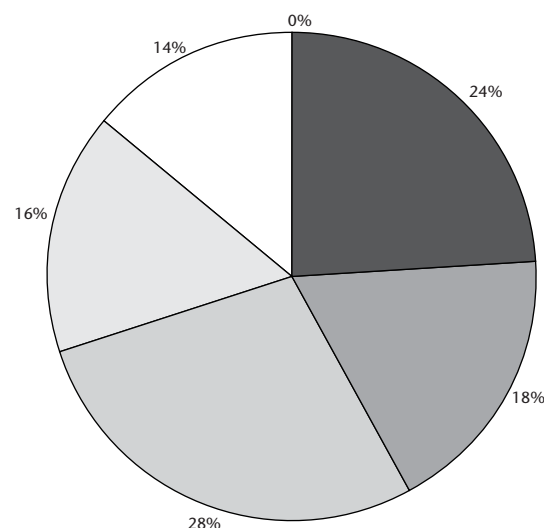
2.6 Connected Universities and Bandwidth: EU, Candidate Countries, Others

The graphs below give an overview of the percentage of Universities connected at different bandwidths in the EU and EFTA countries (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland), in the candidate countries that provided information (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia) and in the other countries that provided the information.

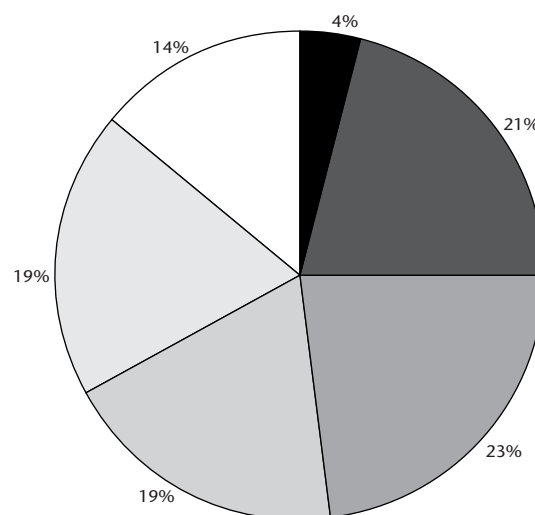
As can be seen from the graphs, there is a broad range of bandwidths made available to Universities within these geographical regions. For the EU and EFTA countries, 24% of all Universities are still connected at 2 Mb or less, whereas 14% of the

Universities have a connection at 1 Gb or above. For the candidate countries, these percentages are 25% and 14%, respectively, although it should be noted that there are huge differences here from country to country. Thus, in the Czech Republic 75% of Universities now have a 1 Gb connection, whereas in countries like Bulgaria or Romania no Universities have 1 Gb connection yet.

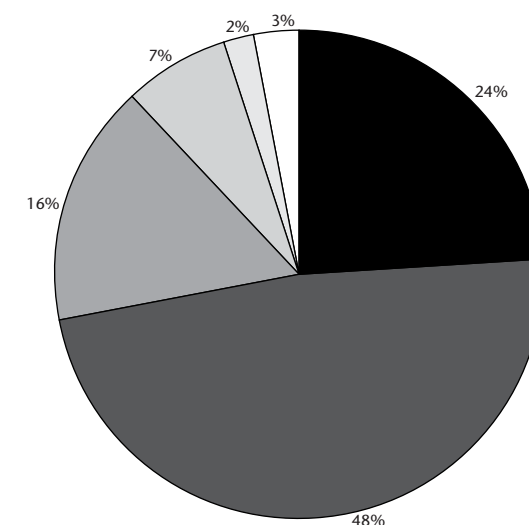
For the other countries, the percentages are clearly less favourable: 72% of the Universities are connected at 2 Mb/s or less, only 3% are connected at 1 Gb or above (all of them in Serbia).



Graph 2.6.1 Bandwidth of Universities, EU + EFTA Countries



Graph 2.6.2 Bandwidth of Universities, Candidate Countries



Graph 2.6.3 Bandwidth of Universities, Other Countries

