

4.2 Traffic Load

Traffic load on the network is one potential way of measuring congestion and thus also of measuring customer demand.

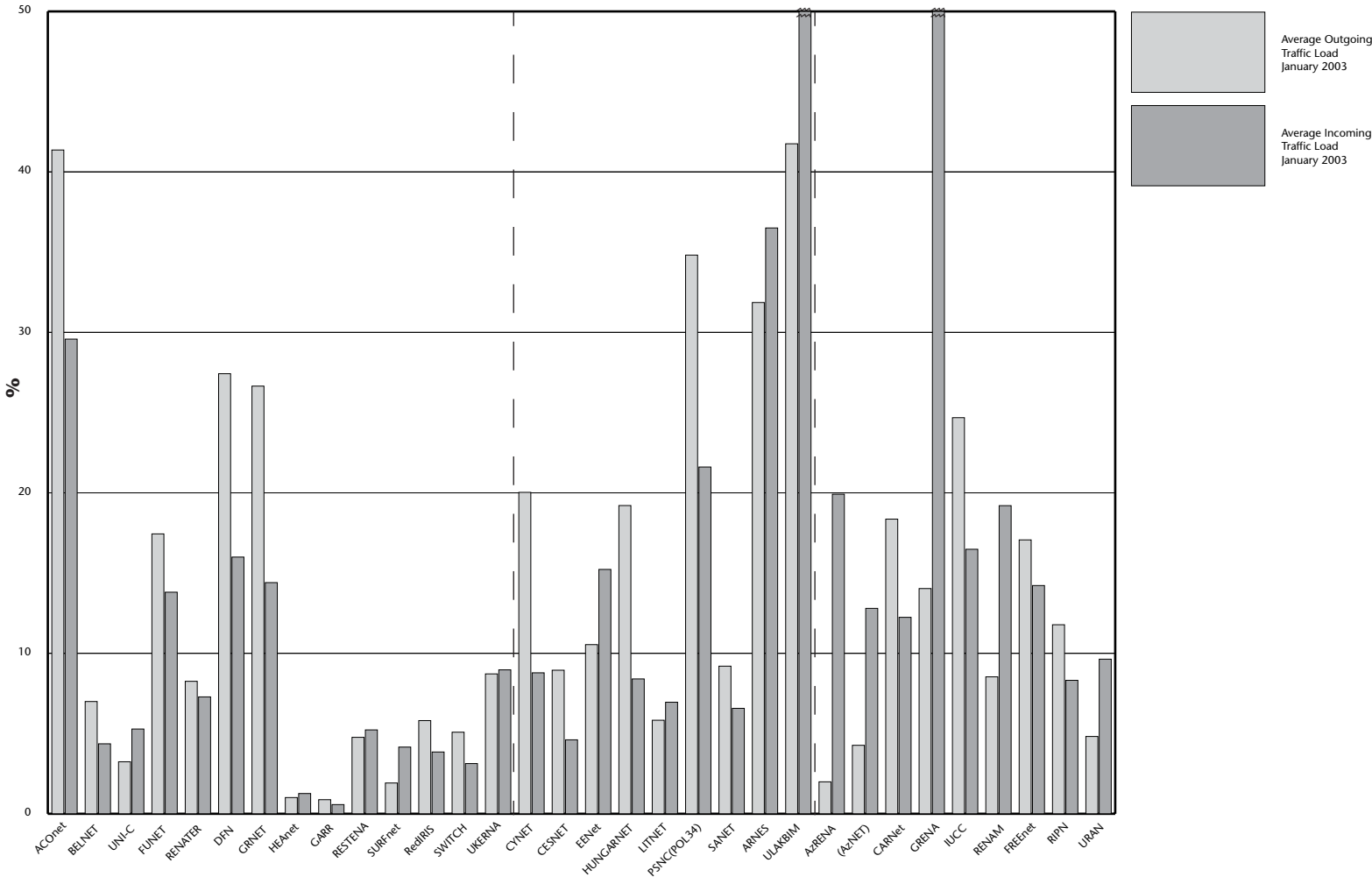
The first graph below shows the average incoming and outgoing external traffic loads for January, 2003. For an indication of sustained peak usage, these figures should be multiplied by 3. ULAKBIM (Turkey)

and GRENA (Georgia) are outside of the scale, with incoming traffic loads of respectively 54.6% and 63.2%.

The second graph compares the average outgoing traffic load in January, 2002 with that of January, 2003, for those countries that provided the relevant data in both years. It is clear from this graph, in connection with graph 3.5.4 that a number of countries that did not increase their connections

experienced a growth in traffic load, as was to be expected taking into account the data on traffic growth as presented in graph 4.1.3.

Graph 4.2.1 External Traffic Load, January 2003



Graph 4.2.2 Outgoing External Traffic Load, 2002 and 2003

