

4.3 Congestion

NRENs were asked to give an estimate of where there is congestion (if any) in their networks and of the percentage of client institutions that are affected by congestion at that level. Note that not all NRENs gave an answer for all of the network levels and note also that not all levels exist in all networks.

These graphs show that in the EU and EFTA countries, congestion, if any, occurs mainly at the levels of the Campus LAN and of the access networks. For a number of the EU candidate countries, the access networks and the national backbone seem to be a bottleneck. For the other countries, congestion occurs at all levels except the Campus LANs.

