## **Supporting Information:**

Figure 1. Bakhshiev's (a), Lippert–Mataga (b), Kawski–Chamma–Viallet's (c), McRae's (d) and Suppan's (e) solvatochromic correlation plots for  $D_1$  in seven solvents of different polarities and R-square of the corresponding linear fits. Chloroform and dichloromethane have been omitted for linear regression.



**Figure 2.** Bakhshiev's (a), Lippert–Mataga (b), Kawski–Chamma–Viallet's (c), McRae's (d) and Suppan's (e) solvatochromic correlation plots for **D\_2** in seven solvents of different polarities and R-square of the corresponding linear fits.



Figure 3. Kinetic recorded at 460 nm for the laser excitation of  $D_2$  at 355 nm (in acetonitrile under N<sub>2</sub>); the sharpe negative peak is ascribed to the fluorescence of  $D_2$ .



**Figure 4.** Photopolymerization profiles of **EPOX** under air. Upon a halogen lamp irradiation in the presence of (1)  $D_2/Ph_2I^+$  (0.3%/2% w/w); (2)  $D_2/NVK/Ph_2I^+$  (0.3%/2% w/w).

