## Supplementary information: Exploiting Direct Current Plasma Electrolytic Oxidation to Boost Photoelectrocatalysis

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Figure S1. Emission spectrum of the light source employed during photoelectrochemical characterization



**Figure S2.** SEM micrographs of PEO-TiO2 coatings grown at varying potential, as indicated, during 5 minutes anodizing time, at 0 and 25 °C.



Figure S3. AFM images of TiO2 films obtained by PEO in potential range of 100–160 V at 0°C and 25  $\,$ 

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Figure S4. XRD patterns of TiO2 films obtained at 0 °C (a) and 25 °C (b).



**Figure S5.** Lattice parameters a, c and c/a ratio for anatase and rutile as a function of potential. Filled and empty symbols refer to 0 °C and 25 °C, respectively. Arrows indicate the reference values of lattice parameters a and c and c/a ratio for anatase and rutile phases.



**Figure S6.** UV-Vis Diffuse Reflectance plot of selected TiO2 synthesized at 25 °C (**a** as inset), and corresponding Tauc plot after Kubelka-munk conversion (**b**).